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Stiff Opposition Expected To €150 Flat Charge

BY KEVIN KIRRANE
County Manager, Ray O'Dwyer will seek to introduce a flat charge for all of the council's waste users in this year's budget.

Waterford County Council's annual budget meeting is due to take place on Thursday at 2.30pm in the Civic Offices. The meeting is expected to be the most fraught for many

years over the County Manager's Report and the Budget for 2006.

Mr. O'Dwyer will propose a flat annual charge of 150 euro in addition to a charge of 7.50 euro per collection for organic waste, 2.25 euro per plastic sack for dry recyclable waste, and 13 euro per collection for residual waste.

"Waste management continues to be a problem area," his report states. **Cont. on page 7**



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Picket And Public Meeting In Backlash Over Developments

RESIDENTS "INCENSED" OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN RING

BY KEVIN KIRRANE
An internationally acclaimed traditional musician is considering picketing the site of a housing development in Ring.

Liam Clancy is planning to take to the picket line in protest at the development of twelve houses across from Mooney's Bar in Ring - which he believes, taken along with the other housing developments in Ring, will destroy the scenic value of the area, and put the price of land out of the reach of Gaelic-speaking families.

The development, which is being constructed by a Co. Wexford firm, is the latest in a

string of developments in the area in the past five years. Construction started on two of the twelve timber-frame homes planned for the site overlooking Dungarvan Bay last week.

DEVELOPMENTS

Since 2000, up to 80 houses have been constructed in clusters or estates in two of the three settlement nodes identified in Ring/Helvick/Old Parish. Forty-seven other individual houses have been built or are underway over the same period.

"Every scrap of land is being bought up here. These houses, which are being sold for up to

500,000 euro, are being marketed on the basis of the view. But of course when these monstrosities are built there is no view," Mr. Clancy told the 'Dungarvan Leader.'

Now it is believed that the same developer plans to purchase the rest of the land between Mooney's Bar and Ballinagoul on the seaside.

PICKET

"I'm going to picket this site. Because from time immemorial this land has been the great attraction of the area - to drive over the road and have that view of the bay. Now the pro-

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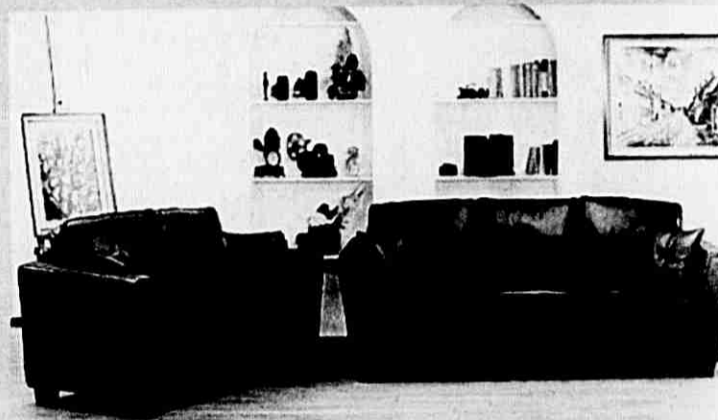
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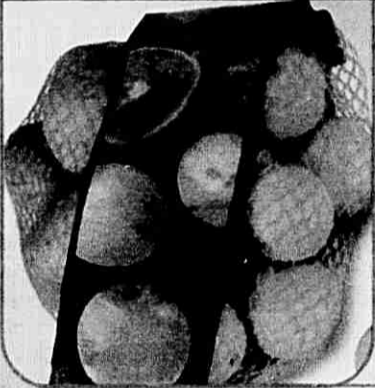
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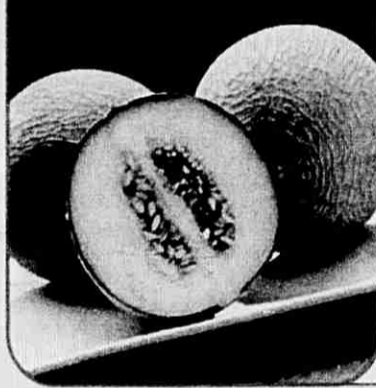
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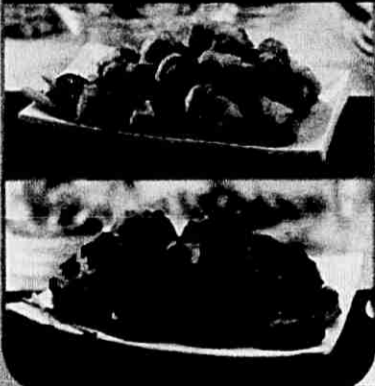
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All copy and advertisements for the next 2 issues should be with us as soon as possible but by Tuesday of each week at the latest.

Dungarvan Leader will close at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 22 and will reopen again at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 2.



Picket And Public Meeting In Backlash Over Developments

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posal is to build all along the sea-side of the road.

"They're developing the Seanachai at the moment, and there's a wonderful sign which says 'Resurrection In Progress.' Well, I'm going to stand in front of the development in Ring with a sign that says 'Rape Of Ring In Progress'."

"Because the thing that has been most valuable about this place is being taken away and it's being taken away against the guidelines laid down by the planning officers themselves. They are in breach of every single thing they held meetings for, and we all voted on out here - the Ring/Helvieck/ Old Parish Area Action Plan. They are flying totally in the face of that," he claimed.

INTENSE FURY

He went on to say: "There is a fury, an absolute fury, in the entire population of Ring. There is an intense feeling here that we've been relegated to second class citizenship. The Gaelic speaking people here have no hope of getting land here because the price of land has been driven up to such an extent.

He said he has not sensed such a mood in Ring for a long time before - "a mood of gloom and a mood of shock."

"I really think that there is going to be a major problem. Feelings are running intensely high," he added.

ACTION PLAN

However, Udaras na Gaeltachta representative for the area, Cllr. Fiachra O Ceilleachair said the blame for the planning problem lies with the 1999 County Development Plan and the Ring/Helvieck/Old Parish Area Action Plan of 2001.

"When that area action plan was approved in 2001 it was accepted by 19 votes to 3 on the 10th of September 2001," Cllr. O Ceilleachair said.

"I voted against it. But of those who did vote for it, two are currently members of Dail Eireann and seeking re-election.

"There are three others who are currently county councillors for the Ring/Old Parish area who supported it. As far as I am concerned, yes, the planners can be held accountable, but it is these politicians who made it possible."

DISCUSSIONS

Cllr. O Ceilleachair said he has already discussed the situation with Director of Services with Water-

ford County Council, Denis McCarthy.

"He has agreed to look and see whether the buildings are in accordance with the permission laid down in terms of size and scale."

PUBLIC MEETING

Meanwhile, a public meeting is scheduled to be held in Ring to discuss housing developments in the area.

Stiff Opposition Expected To €150 Flat Charge

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"The Environmental Protection Agency is insisting that remedial works are continued on both the Dungarvan and Tramore landfills, which will cost 7.5 m euro in 2006."

Mr. O'Dwyer said he has assumed that the Department of Environment and Local Government will fund 75% of this cost.

However, the council has to provide 314,000 euro for interest and repayment costs to cover the other 25% and existing loans relating to remedial work and waste management facilities.

"Under the Polluter Pays Principle the creators of waste must accept liability for these costs," he added. "The closure of Tramore landfill on the 31/12/05 will reduce our income generating ability and significantly increase the cost which must be borne by the users of the service."

The gate fees and cost of transporting waste to the landfill in Carlow will be around 1 million euro next year.

Mr. O'Dwyer is expected to be met with stiff opposition for a large number of councillors over the proposals.



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Official Opening Of Dungarvan Youthreach

The eagerly awaited official opening of our centre at Scannon's Yard Friary Street Dungarvan took place on Friday 25th November 2005. The Centre was in tip top shape due to the hard work of both trainees and staff. The finishing touches such as the flowers and the smell of percolating coffee were being put in place as the first guests arrived. There was a

great turnout of trainees, their parents and friends. Youthreach staff, VEC staff and committee members and Youthreach management would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in this wonderful occasion.

The building that now houses Youthreach was located before the summer of 2005 but a final decision on the viability of

these premises was not taken until late in the summer. It was a daunting task to transform what was then a warehouse, into what is, now a training centre containing five classroom areas, a resource room, and two offices. The idea to involve the trainees in this project was discussed in dept and with the decision finally made, the trainees under the watchful



▲ Declan Doocey, Chairman Co. Waterford V.E.C. and Sean Power representing the trainees, cutting the tape to officially open the Youthreach new premises. Included are Canon N. O'Mahony P.P. and Fr. Seamus Humphreys O.S.A. and Liam O'Rourke, Co-ordinator. (Rory Wyley)

eyes and expert advice of our wood work tutor Jim Egan commenced work with great

enthusiasm. There is an immense sense of pride in the finished product – a centre that both trainees and staff can categorically state they built, and built well.

At a little after the hour of 5pm, Mr. Gerry McManus our resource person welcomed our guests and invited the VEC Chairperson Cllr. Declan Doocey and one of our trainees Sean Power to cut the ribbon which was mark the official opening of the Youthreach Centre. Canon Nicolas O'Mahony then blessed the building and wished us well in the future. Mr. Liam O'Rourke the course co-ordinator officially welcomed everyone present, thanked everyone for the work undertaken and completed and spoke about the talents of our current trainees. Sean Power spoke on behalf of the trainees. The VEC chairperson Mr. Declan Doocey complemented us on the success of this venture and wished us well in any future projects we may under-

take.

The speeches were concluded with Mr. Paddy Lavelle our C.E.O. thanking everyone for the huge amount of work that was undertaken in transforming the present building and admitted that he had been apprehensive about the project at its commencement and overwhelmed by the success of the project. Gerry thanked everyone for attending, all present then tucked into the fabulous buffet laid on whilst photographs were being organised.

After the guests had departed the Youthreach building the staff and trainees of the centre had further plans, a meal had been organised by way of thanks for all the hard work undertaken. The trainees were very appreciative of this and tucked in with gusto and a great time was had by all.

The Youthreach staff and trainees would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



Trainees of Youthreach with Liam O'Rourke, Co-ordinator, Paddy Lavelle, C.E.O., Mary Walsh, A.E.O. and V.E.C. Committee members at the official opening and blessing of the premises. (Rory Wyley)

Flahavan's Scoops Prestigious Export Award

Flahavan & Sons Ltd – one of Ireland's oldest family-owned food companies – has won the prestigious Irish Exporters Association Irish Food and Drink Export Award for 2005.

The company won the award for its expansion into the UK market with two new branded products, Flahavan's Irish Porridge Oats and Flahavan's Microwaveable Quick Oats.

The Kilmacthomas, Co Waterford, based company is Ireland's oldest and leading provider of oat-based brands and products. Flahavan's sources all its ingredients locally and its major export markets are Britain and Northern Ireland, where a planned major push is expected to increase sales substantially.

Other nominees for the Irish Food and Drink Export Award were Irish Yoghurts Ltd of Clonakilty, Co Cork, and O'Brien's Irish Sandwich Bar Ltd of Dublin.

Flahavan's is Ireland's favourite porridge brand, with over one million servings consumed nationwide each week. The company employs 35 people and has been milling oats in Co Waterford for over 200 years.

Innovation is at the fore of Flahavan's product development. Earlier this year, the company extended its range to meet the growing need for health-contributing and convenience products in the breakfast category. Flahavan's Quick Oats portable

porridge – individual serving portions that can be prepared in the microwave in just 90 seconds – has now been introduced on the UK market.

"We are delighted that E Flahavan & Sons Ltd has been selected by the Irish Exporters Association judging panel. This important award recognises our recent expansion success into the UK market," John Flahavan, Chairman of the company, said.

John Noonan, Marketing Director, E Flahavan & Sons Ltd, said the company had carried out a strategic review of its business which showed geographic branded expansion outside of Ireland, particularly in the UK market, as an area of opportunity.

"Although Flahavan's is a household name in Ireland, it was relatively unknown in the UK," he said. "Early research showed that to gain success in this market, the products would have to be distinctive, with a strong set of unique benefits. With this brief, we developed two new oat-based products, which we launched in the UK, under the Flahavan's brand name – Flahavan's Irish Porridge Oats and Flahavan's Microwaveable Quick Oats."

The awards were presented at a recent ceremony in the O'Reilly Hall, University College, Dublin by the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mr Micheál Martin, TD.



Pictured with this prestigious Irish Food and Drink Export Award is John Flahavan, Chairman & John Noonan, Marketing Director, E Flahavan & Sons Ltd.

Waterford Stores Sweep the Boards at National 5 Star Awards Ceremony



David and Lorraine Dodd – SPAR Ferrybank, Pádraig Breathnach - SPAR Ring, Grace and John O'Brien – SPAR Barrack Street, Helena and John Walsh - SPAR Dungarvan

SPAR stores in Waterford swept the boards at the annual 5 Star Awards which took place recently in Co Kildare. The awards programme, which is run in association with the Excellence Ireland Quality Association, recognises excellence in areas such as shop presentation, customer care and food

safety. The national awards were presented at the Killashee House Hotel in Naas, Co Kildare.

In total 6 Waterford stores took home an award – Ger Enright's EUROSPAR in Abbey-side, Pádraig Breathnach's SPAR in Ring, David Dodd's SPAR in Ferrybank, Gerry

Gray's SPAR in Barrack Street, Waterford, Steve Johnson's SPAR in Kilmeaden and John Walsh's SPAR Dungarvan.

SPAR retailers underwent a vigorous assessment programme throughout the year to ensure that they complied with the strict criteria set. Surprise audits were carried out through-

out the year by mystery shoppers, SPAR personnel and -specific to food safety - EIQA. Throughout the process a total of 8,000 SPAR customers were audited in relation customer service with 93% of those questioned scoring their local SPAR above 85% in terms customer excellence.

CHARITY QUIZZES TO END WITH NIGHT FOR LIONS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

After almost three and a half years the weekly Charity Quizzes are finally coming to an end. Next Thursday night will see the final quiz for the present. With over one eight of a million euro raised by the quizzes for various charities and

organisations the quiz group feel that they need a break and have decided to finish with the Lions Quiz this week. We would sincerely like to thank all the people who have supported us during the time we have been doing quizzes, to

the Diplomat, Minnies, Merrys and Lord Maguires we also say thanks for their hospitality. To all the organisations we raised funds for we say that we were delighted to be of assistance.

For our final quiz we are delighted to say that for the first

time ever we will have a live music round.

As it is our final quiz we would like to invite all who have ever helped us in any way to come along. It starts at nine, the craic will be good, the Lions will benefit, and it all

Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh

Christmas is almost here and all the shops are busy with people buying presents for friends and loved ones. But nowadays little thought is given to the origins of this tradition or to the symbolic meaning of the gifts which are chosen.

The custom of giving gifts at Christmas time has been around for about two thousand years, since the wise men first presented the infant Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. At the time, these were considered to be gifts fit for a king, not only because they were rare and expensive, but also because of the attributes which they represented to the ancients.

GOLD

Gold is traditionally considered to represent the sun. It is therefore an appropriate gift to bring joy at the darkest time of the year. Gold is also said to represent courage, power and wealth: a worthy gift indeed!

Surprising though it may seem, gold is frequently used as a medicine. Anthroposophical medicine which was devised by Rudolf Steiner views the person as whole being, with a soul and spirit as well as a physical body, and uses herbs, minerals and homeopathic medicines in the treatment of disease. Anthroposophical doctors use a solution containing gold for treating problems affecting the heart, both on a physical and emotional level.

FRANKINCENSE

"When it is inhaled as an incense or essential oil frankincense slows down and deepens the breath. This produces a feeling of

calm which is conducive to meditation and prayer, but it is also useful for the treatment of conditions such as asthma and anxiety. When taken internally, frankincense acts as a powerful anti-inflammatory which is particularly useful in the treatment of arthritis.

MYRRH

Myrrh is a resin which is produced by the Commiphora tree. It was used as an incense and as a healing ointment by the ancient Egyptians as much as four thousand years ago. At a time when there was no such thing as antibiotics and when infections frequently lead to loss of limbs or to death, any substance which could effectively control such evils was highly prized.

Myrrh is still frequently used by herbalists as a powerful antiseptic which also stimulates the body's own defences. It is particularly useful for infections of the skin, mouth and throat. However, it is generally only used in external treatments, mouthwashes and gargles as it is considered too strong to take internally.

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



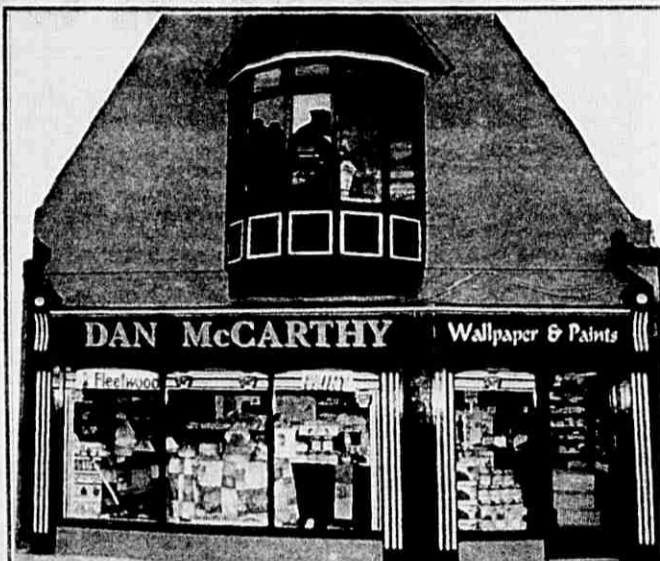
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Agricultural Educational Tour to China



On September 14th last a large group of Co. Waterford Teagasc clients left Ireland for an eleven day Agricultural Educational tour to China. Organised by Teagasc Co. Waterford the group flew to Shanghai, which is the most modern and cosmopolitan city in China. From there the group travelled to Suzhou where they visited an agricultural research centre and had the opportunity to make a visit to a local farm and meet with a farming family.

Beijing came next on the itinerary and, yes, it does appear that there are 9 million bicycles in Beijing! Apart from the quite spectacular cultural visits to the Forbidden City and

Tiananmen Square the group had the opportunity to meet with families living in Beijing and to observe the hectic on-going preparations for the 2008 Olympics. A highlight of the visit to Beijing was a reception hosted by Liam MacGabhainn and his wife in the Irish Embassy. Mr. David Eiffe from Bord Bia also attended and spoke at length about the potential for Irish markets in China and informed the group that his visit to China co-incided with the opening of a new Bord Bia office in Shanghai. Glanbia also have an office in Shanghai. At a specially convened meeting Co. Waterford farmers and Teagasc staff met with delegates from the China Milk Board and some

of their milk suppliers. A visit to a Milk Processing Plant on the outskirts of Beijing proved to be most interesting as was a visit to a Beef Processing Plant.

Group members were extremely fortunate when the visit to the renowned Great Wall took place in glorious sunshine with a clear blue sky. A visit to a horticultural research centre which had many on-going experiments including hydroponics took place on the day prior to departure for home.

This visit highlighted for the participants the huge development that is taking place in China and the Market potential that exists there for food products from Ireland in the future.

Locals Participated In Fund Raising Trek To Malawi

Two Dungarvan based supporters of an Irish development agency got to see at first hand the famine threat that is facing millions of people in Africa, when they travelled on a recent fund-raising trek to Malawi.



Cllr. Dr. Tom Higgins

Local Fine Gael Councillor Dr. Tom Higgins and Con Lane from Ballyduff were amongst a party of more than 50 supporters of Self Help Development International to take part in the charity's annual fund-raising trek to its project countries.

During their ten day trip they visited a series of rural communities being supported by Self Help, but also got to see the huge challenges that are facing the country as the threat of crop failure leaves up to five million Malawians at risk of famine and starvation.

Self Help works in partnership with local communities to promote long term development solutions to the problems being faced by rural Africans.

Although the visitors had the opportunity to see at first hand the positive impact that irriga-

tion schemes, the distribution of improved quality seed stock, the promotion of crop diversification and of income generating activities and a range of other activities was having, they also witnessed at first hand the crisis that the country is facing.

The trip took place just a week after Malawi's President Bingu Wa Mutharika had declared a state of national disaster, and appealed for aid with the warning that close to half of the country's 11 million people faced famine in the New Year.

The annual Self Help trek to Malawi was led by Fair City actor Pat Nolan (Barry), while also in the travelling party were broadcasters Tracy Piggott and Nationwide's Mary Kennedy, and a number of GAA legends including Kilkenny's Henry Shefflin, and former All-Stars Jack O'Shea, Bomber Liston, Barney Rock, Robbie O'Malley and Brian Whelehan.

The annual trek is an important fund-raiser for Self Help, but it is also a valuable opportunity for supporters of the organisation to see at

first hand the work that we are doing, and the positive impact it can have on the lives of some of the poorest people in Africa', said George Jacob, a spokesman for the Hacketstown based charity.

Alongside efforts designed to improve food security and farm household income, Self Help seeks to improve access to basic social services, and promote conservation of natural resources.

'I previously travelled with Self Help to Malawi in the late 1990's, and you certainly can see the progress that has been made in the country during the intervening years', said Con Lane. 'A lot of work has been done, but of course there is a lot more that has still to be done'.

The travelling Irish group also had an opportunity to see the work that the organisation is doing to combat the threat posed by the spread of HIV/AIDS in a country where up-



Con Lane

wards of 14 per cent of the adult population are affected by the disease.

'The group were certainly challenged by what they encountered and experienced during their visit, but they also left the country with an understanding of why Malawi is called 'the warm heart of Africa'.

'Despite the enormous challenges that Malawians are facing, the villagers, communities and individual farmers exhibited nothing but generosity, kindness and graciousness to their visitors from Ireland', Con Lane concluded.

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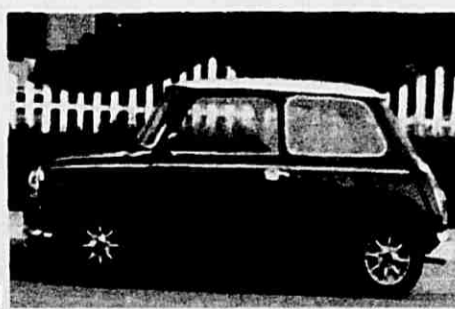


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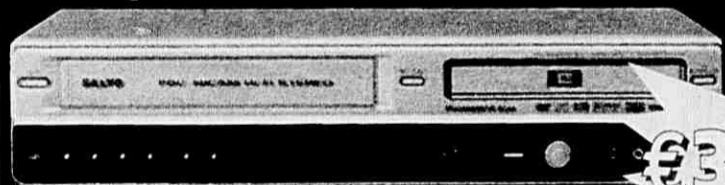
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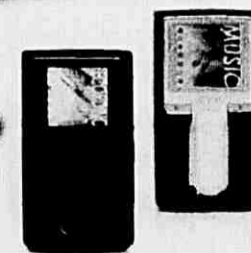


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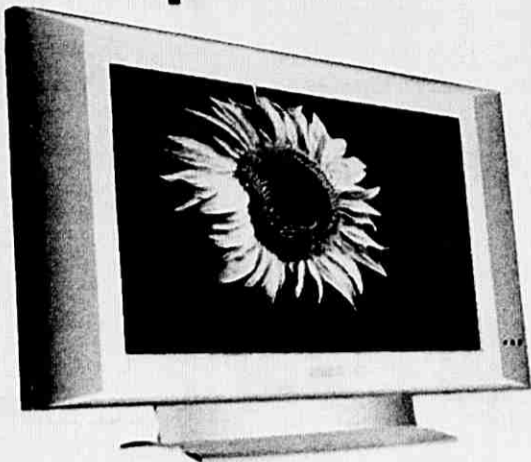
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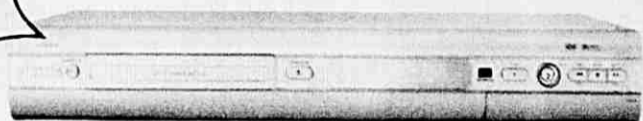
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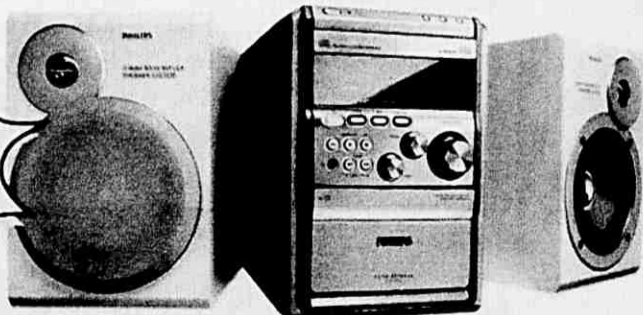
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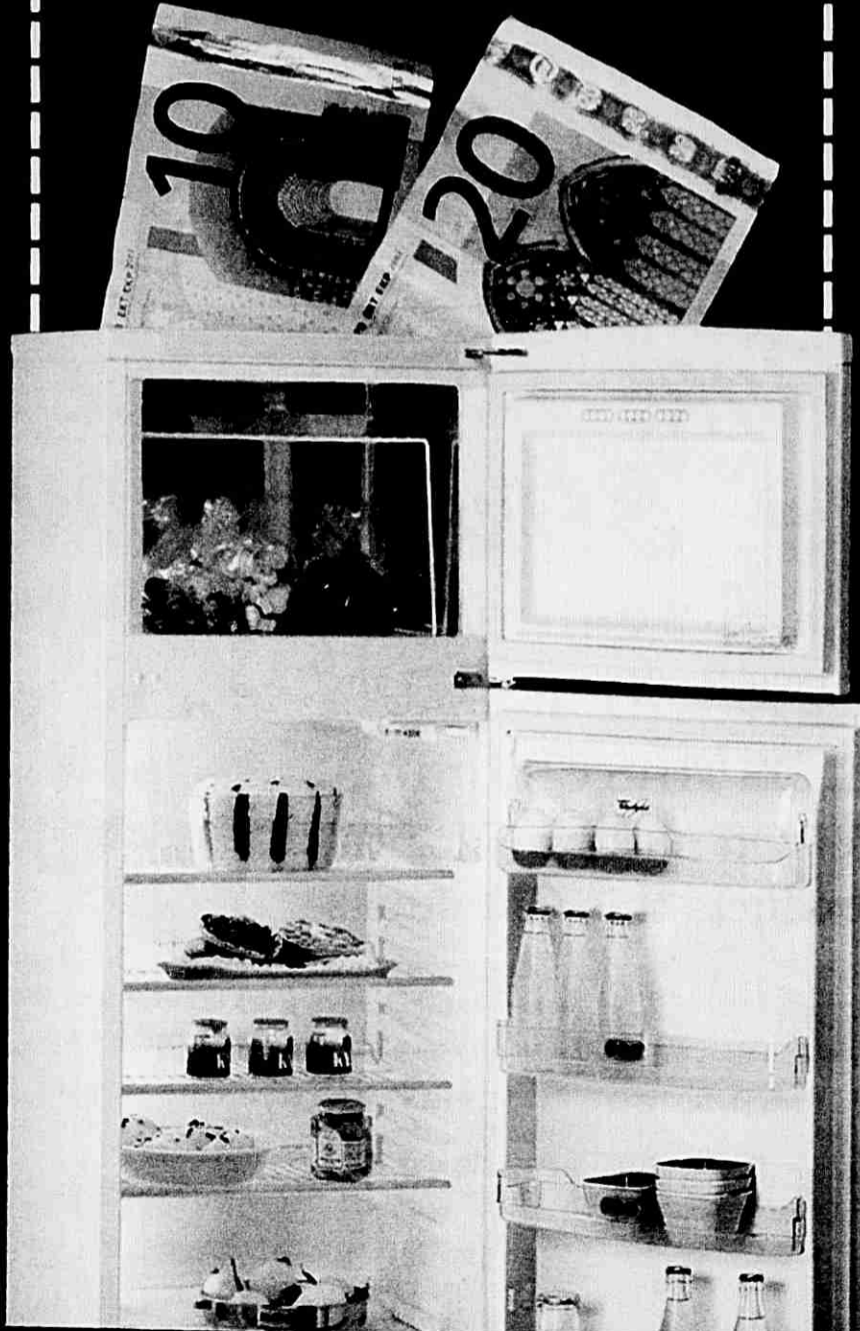


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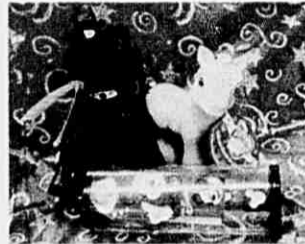
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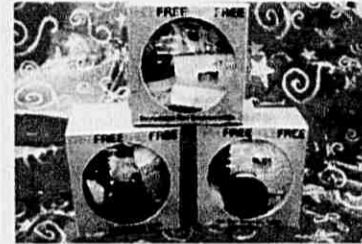
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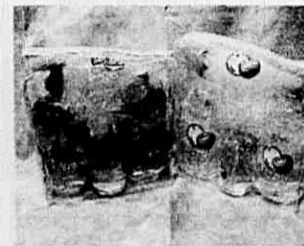
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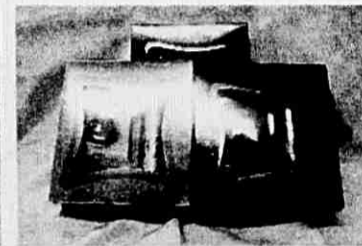
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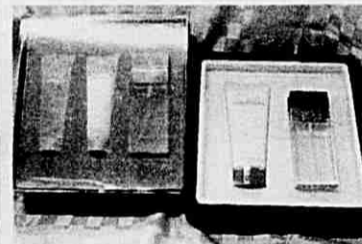
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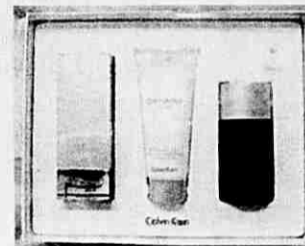
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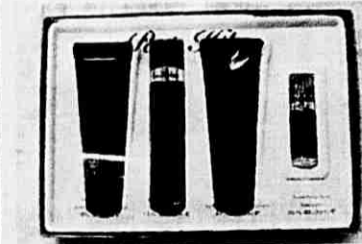
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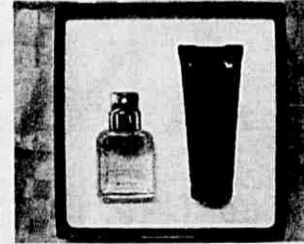
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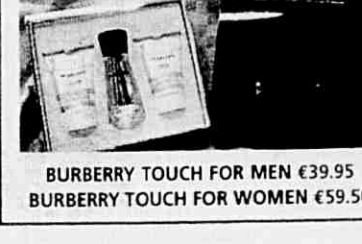
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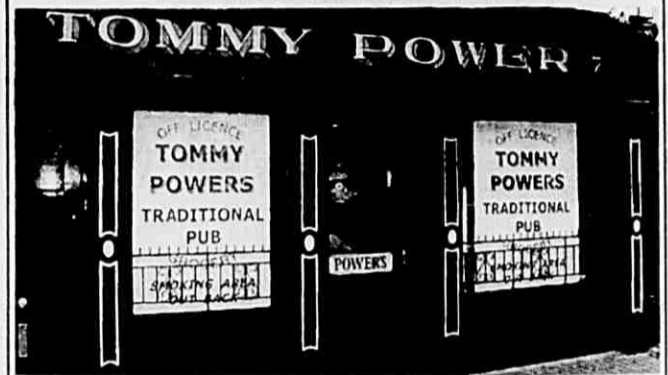
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Musical Launch For Christmas Arts & Designer Craft Exhibition

Mayor of Dungarvan Cllr. Fiachra O'Ceilleachair launched the 4th annual Christmas Arts & Designer Craft exhibition in The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan.

The Mayor emphasised the need to keep traditional crafts alive and the necessity of supporting artists through venues such as The Old Market House. He encouraged the public to support the Arts Centre and the artists by buying the quality

work on show.

This year there is a large range of paintings, jewellery, textiles, floral décor, cards, photographs, ceramics and woodcraft. The stock will be changing regularly so return visits are encouraged.

Margaret Organ, Arts Officer thanked everyone for their support during the year and said that they looked forward to working with artists in 2006. The Friary Choir gave an out-

standing performance on the night of hymns and Christmas carols and received rapturous applause from the crowd.

This exhibition continues until Friday December 23rd. The Arts Centre has extended its opening hours in the lead up to Christmas and will open Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm and on Saturdays 10am - 6pm. Admission is free and all are welcome.

(Photos by Robert Power)



Dungarvan Mayor Fiachra O'Ceilleachair, guest speaker, County Mayor Ger Barron, Margaret Organ, County Arts Officer and members of the Friary Choir at the official launch of Annual Christmas Art and Designer Craft exhibition in The Old Market House Arts Centre.

Christmas Art Exhibition At The Lismore Arts Centre

Art makes such a wonderful and unusual gift at Christmas or any time of year. Opening on Thursday 15th of December, the Lismore Arts Centre is delighted to host a very special Christmas exhibition in aid of The West Waterford Hospice. The exhibition hosted at this charming studio is the perfect opportunity to pick up an original and unique gift while simultaneously supporting a very worthy cause.

The professional artists tak-

ing part in this exciting event hail from Kilbrittan to Kinsale, and from Waterford to Cork, and all have exhibited widely in the Munster area. The work on show offers great diversity, an undoubted feast for the eye.

A range of stunning media are available including sculpture by Maggie Blackley, batik by Anne Bolognia, ceramics from Marcus O'Mahony and woodturning, by Rob Howe and Hilary Hale. Painters included in this year's exhibition include Rosemary Chapman, Rita O'Connell, Kay Scully, Theresa Murphy, Wishy Martin, Poppy Hunt, Ann Patrick, Claire Power, Rayleen and Blawnin Clancy.

John Warren, Chairman of the West Waterford Hospice Support Movement, will open the exhibi-

tion. The Movement helps to raise funds towards homecare, counselling and support for the terminally ill and their families. Lismore Arts Centre is a working studio for most of the year, in which artists gather together to work, inspire and support each other. Occasional exhibitions are held at the Centre, and are always extremely popular.

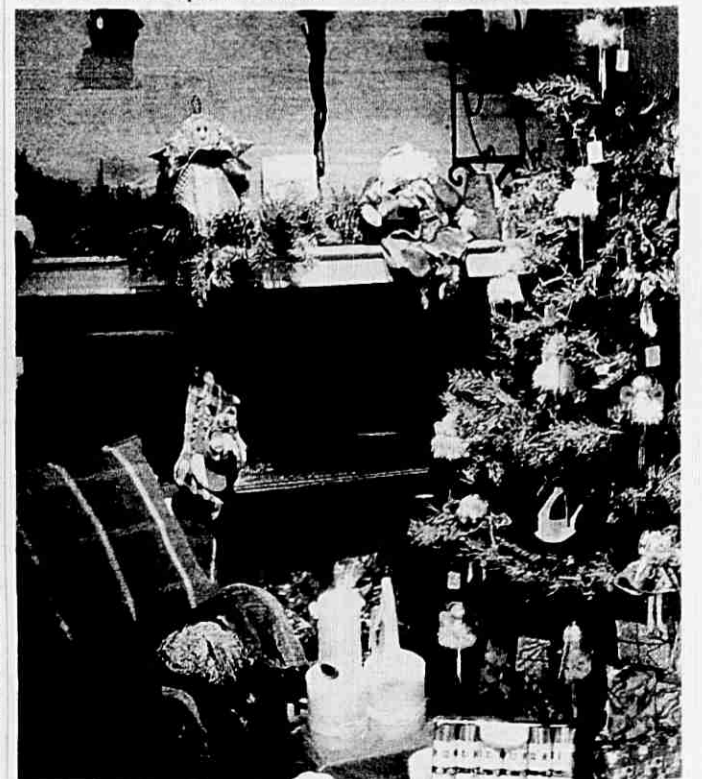
The Christmas exhibition will open on Thursday the 15th of December at 6.30pm and continues until Sunday the 18th of December 2005. Opening hours are 11am-5pm daily. Admission is free with all donations to the Hospice very welcome. To reach the exhibition, just follow the signposts from Cappoquin Bridge. Contact Mrs. Wishy Martin 058-54630 for any further information.



County Mayor Ger Barron, Angie Lojewski, Theresa Cullen, Lina Varna, Maeve Doherty, Catherine Kavanagh, exhibiting artists and Cllr. Michael O'Riordan at the recent launch of the Annual Christmas Art and Designer Craft exhibition in The Old Market House Arts Centre.



County Mayor Ger Barron, Kass Mansfield, David Clynh, Helen Kavanagh, Valerie Mullally/exhibiting artists and Cllr. Michael O'Riordan at the opening of the Christmas Art and Designer Craft exhibition in The Old Market House Arts Centre.



FUNDRAISING SUCCESS AT CONNOLLYS'

CHRISTMAS HEAD-TO-TOE NIGHT



At the presentation the cheque for the proceeds of the "Head to Toe" night were l to r; Darragh Connolly, Sinead McCarthy, John Fitzpatrick, Our Ladys Childrens Hospital, Dublin. Teresa Ryan, Niamh Connolly and Anne O'Loughlin. —(Sean Byrne Photography).

Monday December 5th saw a packed house gathered in Connollys' Pharmacy, Main St., to support Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin. The fundraiser had been organised by the staff of Connollys to support the vital research and development being done in the hospital, (as it is totally reliant on public donations), while at the same time providing an enjoyable (and different!) night out for friends and customers, old and new.

During the evening, Christmas health and beauty care were explained by Anne, Niamh and Daragh, from pedicures to hangover cures! Four makeovers took place, covering every Christmas occasion. Finola of Signet boutique provided the stunning outfits and fashion advice, while Sinead and Teresa of Connollys worked their make-up magic using the Christian Dior, Diane von Furstenberg and GOSH!

beauty ranges. The goodwill of all present towards the Children's Hospital was very evident, and an auction of exclusive 'Nue Bleu Eriu' gift sets, and a raffle raised an amazing €670! Wine and scrumptious canapés were provided by The Ormonde Café, and everyone left with a choice of gorgeous goody bags. Ticket sales and donations brought the total raised to €1,500, which was presented to John Fitzpatrick, the regional fundraising co-ordinator for Our Lady's Hospital. This money will help towards the cost (€14 million) of a new, state of the art, day-care centre. This centre has been built, and entirely funded by private and

corporate funding, and is providing follow-up care equivalent to the finest hospitals in Europe, to Irish children. Collection boxes are still available, so its not too late to help support this vital work.

Many thanks to those who helped make the night such a success; Jacqui's Hair Salon for the beautiful hair styles, David and Judith of the Ormonde Café, Tom Keith for the supply of the seating, Sundrelle, O'Reilly Bros, Allegro, Nue Bleu Eriu', and the Body Shop for their help with the goody bags and raffle. The question on everyones lips as they left on the night was if the event would be an annual event? Watch this space!

Conna and District Flower & Garden Club

It's party time at Conna and District and Garden Club, on Wed. December 14th, at 8.15pm, but it's not all play. This night gives us the opportunity to do some work for Christmas. This year we hope to make our Christmas Party and Work Night even better by dividing the work areas into Wreaths, centre pieces and garlands. This way you can avail of all the help and advise if you wish. We will benefit also by having more time to enjoy our festive treats, not forgetting our unwrapped gifts to the value of €5. Our Treasurer will be on hand to take membership and full payment for our anniversary dinner. This will also be your last chance to bag some bargains at our Christmas Sales Table.

Gene O'Riordan treated us to a wonderful night on Nov. 16th, with variety of festive exhibits. The talent and creativity of this lady is amazing. This was our last open night of the year and it was great to see it so well supported, so many thanks to those who attended.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members, their families and friends all the joy and happiness of Christmas and every health, happiness and peace for the New Year.

Natural History - A Tranquil and Beautiful Exhibition in Greyfriars

Áilleacht Chroí - Natural History a colourful collection of new works by Ring based artists Blawnin and Rayleen Clancy is currently on exhibition in Greyfriars Municipal Art Gallery in Waterford city. This well-painted and mesmerising body of work is inspired by the Co Waterford Gaeltacht where Blawnin and her sister are based. The paintings have reasonable price tags, and make unique Christmas gifts and are sure to enhance any home. Well worth a visit.

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Waterford County Council — We intend to apply to the above authority for permission to construct 2 no. bungalow type dwelling houses, entrances and driveways, domestic effluent treatment units and percolation area, all associated site works and all ancillary services at Ballyhane, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford. Signed: Ruaidhí and Declan French. The planning application may be inspected at the offices of the Planning Authority, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford during normal opening hours i.e. 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority within a period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, on payment of a fee of €20.

Waterford County Council — I, Bernadette Ní Chobhfaid am applying to Waterford County Council for completion and retention of dormer window to front of house and door to back of house at Barranastuic, An Sean Phobail, Dúngarbháin, Co. Phortláirge. The planning application may be inspected at the offices of the Planning Authority, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford during normal opening hours i.e. 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority within a period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, on payment of a fee of €20.

Waterford County Council — Permission is sought by Aisling Kelly and Liam Grace for the construction of a bungalow, ancillary works including public sewer line extension/connection at Ballinagoul Beg, Ring. The application may be inspected or purchased at the offices of the planning authority and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the planning application.

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IN MEMORIAM



CLIFFE — Sixth Anniversary — In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister Caroline, who died on 20th December, 1999.
As each day dawns we think of you,
As each night falls we pray for you,
And throughout our lives,
No matter where in our hearts
You are always there,
The precious time won't come again,
When we were all together,
But the love and joy you gave us all,
Will stay with us forever.
(Always loved and remembered by your Mam, Dad, twin sister Pauline and brother Shane).

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church, Touraneena on Friday night, 16th December at 8 o'clock.



LONERGAN — Sixth Anniversary — In loving memory of Richard Lonergan, late of Boolavounteen, Ballinamult, who died on 20th December, 1999.
Memories are something special,
That no one can steal,
Death is a heartache,
No one can heal,
Time slips by, life goes on,
But from our hearts you are never gone.
(Sadly missed by Mam, Dad, sister Kay, brother Eamonn).

CONDON — Fifth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father Michael Condon, late of Parkdota, Tallow who died on 16th December 2000. R.I.P.

No morning dawns,
No evening falls,
Without a thought of you,
To the world you were one,
To us you were the world,
For us who loved and lost you,
And whose parting brought such pain,
We will cherish your memory forever,
In a world that is never the same,
To have, to love and then to part,
Is the saddest fate of the human heart.

(Sadly missed by your loving daughter Margaret, son-in-law James, grandchildren James and Jack).

CONDON — Fifth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father, Michael Condon, late of Parkdota, Tallow who died on December 16, 2000. R.I.P.

You were always there when we needed you,
No task too great or small,
With loving hands and a loving heart,
For us you did it all.
Your needs were simple, your wants were few,
If your family was happy, so were you,
A loving nature, a heart of gold,
These are the memories we will always hold.
(Always remembered by your son Michael, daughter-in-law Patricia, grandchildren Michael and Niamh).



DUGGAN — Sixth Anniversary — In loving memory of our Mam Mary Duggan, late of 4 Congress Villas, whose anniversary occurs on 16th December.
We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives,
Until we meet again.
(Always loved and remembered - your loving family).

DUGGAN — Cherished memories today and always of my dearest sister Mary, late of 4 Congress Villas, who died on December 16, 1999. On her soul sweet Jesus have mercy. R.I.P. Masses offered.
As time goes by without you Mary,
And days turn into years,
They hold a thousand memories,
And a million silent tears,
There are no tomorrows for us to share,
But yesterdays memories will always be there,
Memories are somethings no one can steal,
But death is a heartache no one can heal,
Will those who think of Mary today,
A little prayer to Jesus say,
(Forever in my thoughts and prayers - loving sister Philomena, also Pauline and family).

DAVIS — Thirty Fifth Anniversary — In loving memory of Danny Davis, late of Barrack St., Tallow and Manchester who died on December 16, 1970.
On his soul sweet Jesus have mercy. Masses offered.
A Mass and a prayer,
Are all we can give,
These you will have,
As long as we live.
Will those who think of Danny today,
A little prayer to Jesus say,
(Always remembered by his loving brothers Michael and Tommy and sister Marie).

DUNNE — Fifteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of our mother Ellen, late of Lismore whose anniversary occurs on December 20.
She was a mother so very rare,
Content in her home and always there,
On earth she toiled, in heaven she rests,
God bless you mother,
You were one of the best.
(Never forgotten by Jamie, Irene, Sheila and Ann and their families).

EGAN, Thomas — Thirty Seventh Anniversary — In ever loving and fondest memories of my wonderful grandad (Dad), Thomas whose anniversary occurs on 12 December. Mass for Dad and the family on 1 February.

DAD
As each year goes by,
I seem to miss you more and more,
You were the greatest Dad to me,
And nobody could take your place ever as a father,
You were one of nature's gentlemen,
You helped so many people and loved your family so much,
A holy and loving man, even with the crosses you had to bear,
You never turned away from God or religion or never complained,
I hope you have your crown in Heaven now Dad,
You deserved it and I'll always love and miss you and never forget you,
God bless you Dad,
(As always your loving granddaughter Dolly and family XXXXX).



FLYNN — In loving memory of Edward (Eddie) Flynn, Main St., Lismore who died on 14th December, 2001.
A smile for all, a heart of gold,
One of the best this world could hold,
Never selfish, always kind,
These are the memories you left behind.
(Never forgotten by your loving family).

FENNEL — Tenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Walter Fennell, late of London and Bohadon, who died on 13th December, 1995. R.I.P. Anniversary Mass in Kilgobnet on Sunday, 18th December at 11 o'clock.
December 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.
Too dearly loved to be forgotten,
Will those who think of him today,
A little prayer to Jesus say,
(Sadly missed and never forgotten by Mam, brothers, Billy, John Joe, Jim, Tom, sister Eileen).

HURLEY — Second Anniversary — In loving memory of James Hurley, Tourane, Lismore whose anniversary occurs at this time.
That evening as the sun did sink,
Down in the golden west,
I polished up my bottoms,
And looked my Sunday best,
It's then that I went walking,
And believe my boys what's more,
I met a pretty cailin,
On the bridge below Lismore.
(Always remembered by Bill, Josie, Annie and Katie Hurley, Washington D.C.).

LYNCH — Twenty Fourth Anniversary — In loving memory of Kathleen Lynch (nee McKeown), late of Chapel Road, Stradbally who died on 15 December, 1981. R.I.P.
Will those who think of her today,
A little prayer to Jesus say,
(Always remembered by Martin and family).



CONDON — Fifth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear husband Michael Condon, Parkdota, Tallow who died on December 16th 2000. R.I.P. Mass offered.
Michael, there never comes a moment,
That I don't think of you,
Or a day that passes,
When your face is not in view,
And when I am feeling lonely,
And tears come to my eyes,
I think of you at peace,
And I know I should not cry,
So I try to hide the heartache,
As you would want me to,
And when I shed a tear,
No one knows but you,
So now that you have gone before me,
This is something you must do,
Walk slowly, down the pathway,
You will hear me call your name,
We were so happy Michael you and I,
I never thought that you would die,
For as long as I live I will always be glad,
For the wonderful husband, I was lucky to have.
(Sadly missed by your loving wife Margaret).

CONDON — Fifth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear Dad, Michael Condon, Parkdota, Tallow who died on December 16th 2000. R.I.P.
You always had a smile to share,
Time to give and time to care,
A loving nature, a heart of gold,
You were the best this world could hold,
Ours is just a simple prayer,
God keep you in his loving care.
(Sadly missed by your son Billy).

CONDON — Fifth Anniversary — In loving memory of my loving father Michael Condon, late of Parkdota, Tallow who died on December 16, 2000. R.I.P.
Those of you 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 just once a year.
(Always remembered by your loving daughter Annette and son-in-law Nicky).
If roses grow in Heaven,
Please pick a bunch from us,
Place them in our granddad's arms,
And send him all our love.
(Lovingly remembered by your grandchildren Keith and Adam).



COLBERT — Third Anniversary — In loving memory of Declan Colbert, Old School Road, Aghish, Cappoquin who died on 13th December, 2002.
We lost a father with a heart of gold,
How much we miss him can never be told,
He shared our troubles and helped us along,
If we follow his footsteps we can never go wrong,
We miss you from your fire-side chair,
Your loving smile and gentle air,
Your vacant place no one can fill,
We miss you Dad and always will,
He was a father so very rare,
Content at home and always there,
On earth he toiled in heaven he rests,
God bless you Dad, you were one of the best.
(Always remembered by your son Bobby).



GLEESON — Twenty first Anniversary — In loving memory of Karen Gleeson, Lyre West, Ballymacarby, who died on December 23rd, 1984.
Beautiful thoughts of a Karen so dear,
Cherished forever with love sincere,
Dear is your memory, sweet is your name,
Close to our hearts you will always remain.
(Lovingly remembered always Mam, Dad, Gemma, Laura and Conor).



GLEESON — Birthday Remembrance of Shane Gleeson, Lyre West, Ballymacarby whose seventeenth birthday is on December 15.
We would like to say so many things,
We don't know where to start,
We only know we miss you, Shane,
From the bottom of our hearts,
And when we are sad and lonely,
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper,
Cheer up and carry on.

IN MEMORIAM



FOLEY — Third Anniversary — In loving memory of Mary B. Foley, late of Coolbagh, Clashmore who died on 19th December, 2002. Anniversary Mass on Sunday, 18th December in Clashmore Church at 11 am.

She was one of those mothers hard to find, She never complained she was not the kind, Whatever she had she was willing to give, With a loving heart and willing hands, For us you did it all, You were more than just our mother, You were also our best friend.

(Loved and remembered always sons - John, Redmond, James, Patrick, sons-in-law - Pat and Tom, daughters Lena and Mary Margaret, daughters-in-law Sheila, Aileen and Anna).

NANA

You left us with golden memories, Your love is still our guide, Although we cannot see you, You are always by our side. (Never forgotten - your loving grandchildren).



HARTE — In loving memory of Johnny Harte, late of Knockaraha, Ballymacarthy whose anniversary occurs on 31st December. Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Mary's, Touraneena on Saturday, 31st December at 7.30 pm.

Along the road to yesterday, That leads us straight to you, Are memories of happy days, Together we once knew, You left those memories, Johnny, They make us laugh and cry, But the love that's planted in our hearts,

While we live, will never die. (Always remembered by his loving wife Nan, daughter Noreen, son-in-law Ned, son John, daughter-in-law Margaret and grandchildren Róisín, Niamh, Clara and Sarah, Aoibhinn and Sean).



KIELY — Twenty-fourth Anniversary — In loving memory of Joan P. Kiely, 5, Mary Street, Dungarvan who died on Christmas Day, 1981. Anniversary Mass this Saturday, 17th December at 6.15 pm in the Friary Church. (Always loved and remembered by son David, Margaret, Siobhan and Darragh, Kiladangan).



LOOBY — First Anniversary — In loving memory of Tom Looby, Sleady, Ballinamult, who died on December 18, 2004. Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church, Touraneena, on Sunday, December 18 at 11.15 a.m.

Will those who think of Dad today, A little prayer to Jesus say. (Always remembered by Carmel, Ray and John).

MOYLAN — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Richard Moylan, late of Cathal Brugha Place, Dungarvan, who died on December 18, 1991.

As down the road of memories, We gently tread today, Our loving thoughts are with you As life goes on its way, Time may heal the heartaches, Like the smile that hides the tears, But happy memories keep you close, Despite the passing years. (From his loving family at home and away).

O'DWYER — Sixteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Ellen O'Dwyer, late of 16 St. Brigid's Terrace, Dungarvan, who died on December 18, 1989.

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. (Never forgotten by her loving family).



O'BRIEN — Sixth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear dad Willie O'Brien, late of Ballyguiry, Dungarvan, who died on 16th December, 1999.

Two tired eyes are sleeping, Two willing hands are still, The one who worked so hard for us, Is resting at God's will, Our family chain is broken, Nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, The links will join again. (Sadly missed by your loving daughter Mary, Geoff, Sandra and Emma).



O'BRIEN — Sixth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear dad Willie O'Brien, late of Ballyguiry, Dungarvan, who died on 16th December, 1999.

Gone is the father I loved so dear, Silent is the voice I long to hear, I miss you Dad, no words can tell, Your voice, your smile, your love as well, Thank you Dad for the years we shared, The love you gave and the way you cared, Forgive me Lord if today I weep, For the father I loved, but could not keep, Dad, what you suffered you told but few, You did not deserve what you went through, Tired and weary, you made no fuss, But you tried so hard to stay with us, I had a father in a million, I loved him until the end, I lost two precious things that day, My father and my best friend. (Fondly remembered by your daughter Ann, Pat and family).

O'BRIEN — Sixth Anniversary — In loving memory of dad Willie O'Brien, late of Ballyguiry, Dungarvan who died on December 16, 1999.

DAD

Your resting place I visit, It's there I kneel and pray, No one knows the heartache, As I turn and walk away, No matter how life changes, No matter what I do, A special place within my heart, Will always be there for you, Loving you is easy, I do it everyday, Missing you is a heartache, That will never go away. (Love always Dad, Sean and Mary (Galway)).

O'BRIEN — Sixth Anniversary — In loving memory of grandad Willie O'Brien, late of Ballyguiry, Dungarvan who died on December 16, 1999.

GRANDAD

Time may pass and fade away, But silent thoughts and memories stay, No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts you are always there. (Love always, Bernadette, John, Catherina, Marie, Seamus and great grandchildren (Galway)).

WALSH — Third Anniversary — In loving memory of Patrick Walsh, late of Ballincoush, who died on 15 December, 2002. R.I.P. Masses offered. (Always remembered by his sisters Catherine and Alice, brother-in-law Tom, nieces and nephews).



POWER — Thirtieth Anniversary — In loving memory of our mother Jean Power, late of Murphy Place, who died on 14th December, 1975. R.I.P.

We shared so much together, Laughter, joy and tears, A smile we will always remember, Of a mother we loved so dear, We cannot send a letter, your hand we cannot touch, Please God take this message, To our mother we loved so much, To us you were someone special Mam, Someone set apart, Your memory will live forever, Engraved within our hearts. (Always remembered with love by Ann, Vina, Tommy, Matty and Michael).



MOONEY — Third Anniversary — In loving memory of Bridget Mooney, late of Byrne's Cross, Ring, Dungarvan, whose anniversary occurs 21st December.

We said we would never forget you, There's not a moment in the day, You are in our hearts always, Until we meet again. (Your best friends Marion, Humphrey, Maria and James)

NOVENAS

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, 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.

Birthday Remembrances



CARLETON — Birthday Remembrance of Christy Carlo Carleton, 12 St. Brigid's Tce., Dungarvan whose birthday occurred on 14th December.

No present to buy, No gift to give, Only our love, As long as we live. Happy birthday Carlo, (Love and miss you, Tracy, Alf and Katie at No. 12. XXXXX).

CONNOLLY — Birthday remembrance of our dear daughter Vera, late of Woodview Park, Tallow, whose 38th birthday occurs on December 26.

Just a prayer from a family who love you, Just a memory fond and true, In our hearts you will live forever, Because we thought the world of you, Will those who think of Vera today, A little prayer to Jesus say. (From Mam, Dad, Leo and family, Paula and family, Caroline and family and Susie).



STREET — Birthday Remembrance of a dear husband and father, Bobby Street of McCarthyville, Abbeyside whose birthday occurs on 16th of December.

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 your loving wife Kitty and daughters Breda, Catherine, Leah, Jacqueline and Shirley, sons Paddy, Stephen and Robbie, grandchildren and sons-in-law at home and away.)



Pictured above winners and their parents and teachers of the Penny the Pencil Colouring Competition. The prize giving was held at Lismore Castle Arts Gallery.

Winners Of Recent National School Colouring Competition

Everyone had a great time at Lismore Castle Arts Gallery on Monday, December 5, when the winners, their parents and teachers met for the prize giving of the 'Penny the

Pencil' Colouring Competition, run by Lismore Books in association with Mercier Press and Faber Castell Stationery, Fermoy. Kids from over 15 local national schools entered and

their was one lucky winner and 16 runners-up who received prizes for their excellent work.

Very kindly, the judge (Caitlín Doherty, of Lismore Castle Arts) hosted the ceremo-

ny at the Gallery in Lismore Castle. Representing Faber Castell were Tom Martin, owner, and his colleagues, son Tom Martin and daughter Roisín Fleming (who started the whole ball rolling when she first suggested the partnership with Mercier Press).

First prize went to Kezia Ottman of St Mochuda's School in Lismore.

The runners-up were Ellen Byrne and Jessica Coughlan from Conna National School; Ian Aherne, Matthew Aherne and Barry Nolan of Ballyduff Upper National School; Niall O'Regan and Alice O'Keefe of Ballynoe National School; Laura Bumster from Curraglass National School; Kate Hamilton of Scoil Baile Mhic Airt; Jessica Herring from St Mochuda, Lismore; Niamh Hegarty and Una O'Brien of Kilmagner National School and, from Gleann Sidhéan Cappoquin: Lisa Murphy, Nathan O'Mahony, Niamh Foley and Emily Power.

HERITAGE WEEKLY

Ironwork

Sometimes when we see walk around a town we notice the buildings but not the details. Around the town of Dungarvan there are very fine examples of ironwork in residential and commercial premises. Iron work was most commonly used for balconies, window guards, boot scrapers, railings and gates. It was mainly wrought iron that was used in the 18th and 19th centuries. Cast iron goods were used from the early 19th century for rainwater goods, gutters, downpipes, gates, railings, and columns. From the 1880's mild steel began to replace wrought and cast iron in structural works. The use of black as the "correct colour" dates only from the late Victorian era.

Late Georgian balconies are evident on the first floors of buildings on Grattan Square and South Terrace. The balcony of Lamlor's Hotel on Thomas Francis Meagher Street displays the coat of arms of the Duke of Devonshire. There is a great variety of window guards throughout the town, mainly dating from the mid 19th century. Some guards like those on the houses on Emmet Street and Church Street have simple designs. Those at the former Provincial Bank on Davitt's Quay are more complex and heavier. The gates of St. Mary's Church of Ireland date from the late 18th century and contain decorative elements such as blunted spearheads and scrolls. On the same street, to the front of St Mary's Catholic Church ornamental iron piers, brackets and rails can be seen. Other Victorian gates and rails can be seen over in Abbeyside. Walter Mac Farlane's Ironworks of Glasgow provided catalogues of cast iron goods and their products can be seen in several places in Dungarvan. Among them are the pillars of the bandstand at the Lookout, the railing in front of Friary House, the external staircase on the old CBS school, the weather vane on the Arts Centre and the base of the lamppost in Galwey's Lane. The cast iron bollards on the quay were made by the Graham Foundry in Waterford. An example of a fine decorative cast iron drainpipe can be seen on the building at the corner of 18 Main Street. Last but not least are boot scrapers and although their numbers have diminished over the years, a variety of styles remain. Examples on Church Street even have figurative motifs. All these elements no matter how small add to Dungarvan's distinctive character.



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Christmas Eve

3-5pm **Santa, Live at WLR fm**
9pm **Christmas Mass from The Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity**

Christmas Day

11-1pm **"A Wacky Christmas" with Mark Graham**
1-2pm **Concert of Christmas Music**
2-6pm **Roddy Cleere with special guests "Westlife"**
6-8pm **Richie Hayes Christmas Special**
8-10pm **Christmas Showtime with Clodagh Power**

Highlights

Monday 26 December
10-12am **Billy McCarthy with Favourites**
Tuesday 27 December
10-12am **Liam Merriman with special guest Sir Paul McCartney**
Wednesday 28 December
10am **Tall Ships in Waterford**
11am **Exeter City Nut**
Thursday 29 December
10am **The Boy Soldier**
Friday 30 December
10am **The Best of Deise AM**
Saturday 31 December
11pm-1am **Rick Live at Uluru - New Year's Eve Party**
Sunday 1 January
12-4pm **Geoff Harris Live from Tramore Races**

Christmas on



Some songs from the Waterford Gaeltacht

Tá Aine Uí Fhoghlú, ag taifeadh amhrán & seanchais ina ceantar féin ó bhí sí ina déagóir agus i dtosach na nóchaidí seo caite thaifead sí cnuasach ábhair ó sheanchaithe agus amhránaíthe sa Rinn & Sean Phobal. ar fhístéip. Oíche Dé hAoine 16.12.'05 ar a 8.00in i Meánscóil San Nioclás tabharfaidh sí blas den ábhar mar a seinntfidh sí cuid de na hamhráin maraon le cur síos agus plé a dhéanamh ar chuid acu.

Ina measc san go mbeidh a gcuid amhránaíochta fé chaibidil aici beidh
Polly Ni Cheallaigh
Pádraig Tóibín
Máire Bateman, Bean Chúnún
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Aine Uí Fhoghlú has been recording songs and 'seanchas' in her own area since she was in her teens and in the early 1990s she made a series of video recordings featuring many of the story tellers and singers of An Rinn and An Sean Phobal.

On Friday night 16 December 2005 at 8 p.m. Aine will present a flavor of this very important collection in Meánscóil San Nioclás, An Rinn where a number of the video recordings featuring the above mentioned local singers will be played and some of the songs discussed. It promises to be a very informative and enjoyable night.

Dungarvan No Name Club

(TEENAGE FUN WITHOUT ALCOHOL)

Club Meeting

We have a change of date and venue for our next club meeting. It will be held in the Dungarvan GAA Clubhouse on Thursday evening from 8:00 until 10:00. Among other activities we are currently brushing up on our carol singing. We plan to raise some funds for charity this Christmas by subjecting the good citizens of Dungarvan to our melodious tunes. All members are requested to attend.

Cinderella Success

The No Name Club congratulates the Árd Scoil on their wonderful recent staging of the pantomime Cinderella. Many of the No Name Club Leaders had parts in the panto and all performed marvellously. Kate Kiely (Cinders), Anne Fennel (Verucca), Aine Breathnach (Salmonella), Claire Shine (Hammer) and Alex Duff-White (the Baron) led the cast magnificently. Our talent scouts were in the hall to see what we could plunder to include in our own Variety Act for next March. Niamh, Sharon, Kelly-Ann, Kathryn, Stacey, Lorna, Eileen, Yvonne and Chelsea all impressed with their dance routines and they need not be shy when we are looking for performers later on. All in all the panto was most enjoyable and well done to all at the Árd Scoil.

Indoor Soccer Tournament

Once again this year we are planning to hold an indoor soccer tournament over the Christmas holidays. This will be held on Tuesday January 3rd at 2:00 p.m. in the Sports Centre. The competition is for teams of 6 (three male and three female).

Next Disco on Jan 4th

The next No Name Club Disco will be held in Davitts Niteclub on Wednesday January 4th. We will have further details on this event in next week's notes.

Variety Competition

Members are reminded that early in the New Year we will begin our preparations for the Cabaret Competition. This competition has been re-titled the National Variety Competition. Last year we did very well in qualifying for the final only to finish as runners-up. We know there is immense talent among our young people and we are going to go all out once again this year.

At this stage all of our Junior Leaders and Associate Members should be giving consideration to what they could perform. Whether it is singing, dancing, comedy, acrobatics, juggling, magic etc etc we want to see what you can do. Shortly after Christmas we will hold auditions at one of our weekly meetings. This year we will hold the auditions as per the X-Factor, in front of the judges in a private room away from the



Some of the Adult committee of the No Name Club at a recent meeting. (Back Row) John Donovan (Chairman), Paddy Fitzgerald, Fr. Paul Waldron, Michael Dunford. (Front Row) Maria Moynihan, Caroline Mansfield, Joe Moynihan, Anne Dunford and Audrey Donovan. Missing from this photo are Cordelia Burke (Treasurer) and Michael Fitzgerald (Sec). The No Name Club would welcome new Adult members.

main gang. We hope this will do away with some shyness and that the talent will shine through. Come on, get your party pieces sorted out and show us what you can do.

Appeal for Adult Leaders

As the club has grown so also has the need for the involvement of more adult leaders. We are appealing to any adults out there who might be interested in helping us to come forward. If you feel you would like to

have an input please contact any of the committee members or ring our club contact number (see below). You really can make a difference by joining us in the No Name Club.

Web Site

Many people have enquired about our website and asked why it has not been updated recently. There is a problem with the website at present and only small changes can be uploaded to it. Our web pages are attached to the general No Name

Club site and this is currently going through an upgrade. It is expected that normal service will resume again in late January and at that time we will train up several members on the new system so that they can keep the site up to date.

Contact Details

You can get further details about Dungarvan No Name Club by telephoning 087-2782825, or by checking out our website on www.nonameclub.ie/dungarvan/home

KILROSSANTY NOTES

SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of the late Jack Kirwan, Coumahon, who died over the weekend. Burial took place in Kilrossanty Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

A.R.G.

A.R.G. Christmas dinner in the hall this Sunday at 1.30 pm.

S.V.P.

Thanks to all who contributed to the SVP Collection last weekend.

PARTY

Sheep breeders party in Miceilins this Saturday night.

HAMPER

Thanks to all who supported the WLR Lions Hamper Appeal dance last Friday night in Crotty's Inn. Paddy O'Brien, John Hogan, Mary Darcy and Brigid King entertained the crowd on the night. Good luck to Brigid King this week on Glor Tire.

HALL

Hall meeting next Monday night in the Hall at 8.30 pm.

I.F.A.

Kilrossanty IFA held their AGM last week. Voting took place for President of I.F.A. at this meeting. Elected Chairman was Tom V. Walsh, Secretary; Patrick Riordan, Noel Casey and Nora Walsh, delegates.

WHIST

Results from the hall last week as follows: Eric Townsend, Kay Mullaney, Biddy Fitzgerald, Margaret Riordan, May O'Brien, Kay Veale, Cathal Cusack, Aileen Dowling, Mary O'Donnell, Mary Cusack, Kieran Cusack, Raffle; Betty Murphy, Cathal Cusack, Eric Townsend, Biddy Morrissey, Biddy Keating, Maureen Sullivan, Aisling Sullivan, Aileen Dowling, Kieran Cusack.

Vote of sympathy was passed to the Cunningham, Grawn on the death of Cait Cunningham. Wishing all card players a very happy Christmas and New Year. See ye all in the New Year.

I.C.A.

Kilrossanty Guild held their December meeting last Monday night in Crotty's Inn. It was well attended. Nicola Minihane was our guest speaker. She did some Christmas arrangements. The draw took place, the following were the winners: 100 euro to Suzanne Casey, Ballylynch; 50 euros Joan Buckley, Bonmahon; 25 euros Alice Walsh, Shanakill. Thanks to all members who sold the tickets.

A lovely meal was had by all which was brought along by all the members. Music was sup-

plied by Busty, Lenny and Marie which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Crotty's Inn for the use of their hall during the past year. Also to their staff. We will be having a meeting in January. Happy Christmas to all members.

KILROSSANTY GAA NOTES Clotto

No winner in the Clotto last Sunday night at Crotty's. Numbers as follows: 13-15-21-25. Winners of 25 euro each Jessy Whelan, Kilmacthomas; Maura and Emma, c/o Crotty's Inn; Claire Walsh, Gortavickory; Ann Lawlor, Adramone; Paul Lennon, Lemybrien; Paul Lennon, Lemybrien; Sellers prize. Jackpot next week in Miceilin's 6,300 euro.

AGM

AGM on January 6th.

Convention

Ger Walsh, Maurice Dee and Tony Coffey attended the Western Convention last Thursday night. Tony Coffey was elected an officer from the Western Board to the County Board.

Draw

Still a few promoters to pay up the balance of the Deise Draw to co-ordinator. Please do so immediately.

Ballyduff Notes

BALLYDUFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL DECEMBER MEETING

Ballyduff Community Council December meeting had a good attendance for the closing meeting of 2005 on Dec 6th last.

Chairman Patjo Ahern opened the meeting by thanking Tom Enright and all involved with this year's Salmon Festival which was held in August. Particular thanks was paid to Ian and Glenda Powell of Blackwater lodge and also to the landowners who give use of their beats for the annual festival. After all expenses had been paid, the group presented Patjo with fifteen hundred euro for the community council to use in any ongoing project work.

Sham Hyland proposed that the refurbishing of the old Carnegie Library be looked into as a future development project for Ballyduff. Due to level of meetings and activities ongoing in the village, the library remains as the last undeveloped resource available. The building has sufficient room for meetings, small group activities, youth, etc. however investment is needed to bring the building up to acceptable standard.

The Community Care group is very active of late with various social evenings planned and being enjoyed by all. Bowling mats and associated equipment are currently being purchased and hopefully will provide some additional leisure activity for all age groups. In addition, John Hogan informed us that community care is also aiming to provide a Parish Radio System. If all goes to plan, this short wave system will allow Mass from Ballyduff Church and other public announcements be broadcast in the homes of the elderly and incapacitated. The entire project will cost in the region of Ten Thousand euro. It is hoped this may be part grant aided, or there may also be a generous benefactor in the area who may like to support this worthwhile project.

Our card nights are seeing improved attendance again, with many of the old faces back on a weekly basis to be greeted by Paddy Jim, Hugh and their committee.

Our annual senior citizens Christmas party was once again a success greatly due to the excellent help on the day. The hall was prepared on Saturday night and it was good to see Patjo and his wife Mary on hand to help out, despite having another important, but well known engagement for the evening.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Children's Christmas party will take place Sunday next December 18th from 1.30pm sharp to 4.30pm. As Santa needs to get back to his preparations for Christmas, he will be available from 1.30pm sharp, so please ensure children arrive early. Once again, we thank Kay and John Hogan for their work "behind the scenes" on this one.

Patjo Ahern then went on to thank everyone who has helped community council activities throughout the year. Ballyduff is a very active community, with groups of all ages and interests being catered for. This is made possible only by the very high level of commitment and time given by very many people.

On behalf of Ballyduff Community Council, Patjo and officers would like to wish all our residents and readers a very happy and peaceful Christmas and every good wish for The New Year. Our next meeting will be our AGM in mid January.

BALLYDUFF CREAMERY TO CLOSE IN NEW YEAR

At time of going to press, a public meeting will have taken place in St. Michael's Hall on Tues 13th to discuss the implications of the pending closure of the local creamery by Glanbia. This is apparently set to happen early in the new year and is another devastating blow to our rural community. Ballyduff, as can be seen from the above community council report is a thriving and vibrant community, which in the space of two years has been left without petrol pumps, and now our creamery which brings a level of commerce into the area is also set to close. All the indications are that rural communities are left to the mercy of multi nationals and one can only try to imagine what the Ireland of as soon as ten years time will look like.

SCOIL NAOMH MHICIL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We wish to thank all those who supported our Cake Sale on Sunday 4th December. It was a tremendous success. Our raffle was very well supported.

Raffle Prizewinners — Oran Leamy, Bakery Hamper; Nora Willis, Christmas cake; Noel Lyons, Fruit Hamper; Helena Moroney, Teddy Hamper; Teresa Quirke, Bath & Shower Products Set. The continued support of the community for our endeavours is greatly appreciated.

BALLYMACARBRY NEWS

BALLYMACARBRY I.C.A.

The Senior Citizens Christmas Party took place at Doocey's Bar last Sunday, 4th December. The party was a tremendous success and a great time was had by all. The I.C.A. would like to thank Tony Doocey and family for all their help and hospitality. We would also like to thank Eileen Condon for the beautiful dinners that were served on the day. Many thanks to everyone who gave donations and prizes.

Our monthly meeting was held at Doocey's on Monday night, 5th December. The members Christmas raffle took place; 1st prize Hamper, Kitty O'Sullivan, Russellstown. 2nd prize Candle, Anne Danahan, Ballymacarbry. 3rd prize Cook Book, Irene Gillen, Cloughclooney.

PEAKS MOUNTAINEERING CLUB NEWS

Sunday last was a busy day on the Galtees with three club walks all well supported. Pascal Byrne began the days walking with the 9.30 am group which he led off from the Cush Boreen and headed west as far as he could go and up Carrignabinnia. With enough ground covered westwards he turned his group towards the big one "Galtymore" in high winds and headed home the long way by Galtymore, Cush and the Wood to a welcome change of clothes. Pat Fahey led his walk in from the southern side and he met a most obliging farmer who let them park on his property and he also gave a display of shepherding with a well trained dog which was a pleasure to see. With a good start like that Pat headed up Knockeenatoung and across the Black road towards Galtymore, Galtymore and dropped off to Knocknagalty and the Attychrea river and back to the cars with a well satisfied crew including Tommy, Donald Whooley and his assistants Janet, Kevin and Gerry had the big walk and they kept low and scenic. Starting from the Cush Boreen also, Donald headed through the woods to the Ice Road and pleasant dry walking to Lough Curra under the shadow of Slievceushnabrinna. Lunching in this most pleasant and sheltered place Donald returned by the stream. Welcome to our new members Christy and Marina who got a lovely introduction to the beauty of our Irish mountains. Mountain skills course will be starting shortly and there are some places yet to be filled. This course is vital for everyone venturing out the mountains as it teaches navigation, map reading, survival tactics and First Aid among other necessary skills to enable the individual to enjoy the mountains and avoid getting into difficulties.

Next Sunday all are in the Comeraghs.

WEST WATERFORD BOARD CONVENTION

The Annual West Waterford GAA convention took place at Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarvan on Thursday night, 8th December. Two Fourmilewater club men retained their positions on the board, they were Patrick C. Walsh (Tyler) held his place after a contest as representative to the County Board and Pat Grant held his place as Assistant Secretary for which there was no contest.



Ballymacarbry Ladies Badminton team who had wins over Tourin and Touraneena recently. Mairita Kelly, Rose O'Sullivan, Claire Condon, Rebecca Hallinan.



Ballymacarbry Mens Badminton team who recorded a win and a loss against Lismore; a draw v. Waterford and a loss against New Ross. The team members are - John Geoghan, Kevin Fahey, John Hallinan, Dick Guiry and Mike Guirt (sub.)

FOURMILEWATER HURLING CLUB TAKE STOCK

The 79th Annual General Meeting of Fourmilewater Club took place at Saint Patrick's Parochial Hall, Ballymacarbry on Sunday, 4th December, before a large attendance. Outgoing Chairman Michael Donagher welcomed the members to the annual general meeting and spoke of the many functions of the club during the past year the high light being a semi final place in the Senior Championships against De La Salle. Club Secretary Patrick C. Walsh gave a detailed account of every game the club were involved in, and they were many and he thanked everybody for their help. Club Treasurer Thomas Kelly gave in fine detail the income and the expenditure of the club. The income of the club total was 28,444.97 euro and club expenses were 26,256.80 euro leaving the club in the black with a balance of 2,188.17 euro. With all reports adopted and everybody thanked including "Dungarvan Leader" for its coverage of games and report and local club items.

The election of officers for 2006 took place - President; Tom Walsh, Vice President; Rev. Fr. Edmund Tobin P.P. Chairman; Michael Donagher, Vice Chairman; Thomas Crotty, Secretary; Patrick C. Walsh, Asst. Secretary; Pat Power, Treasurer; Thomas Kelly, P.R.O.; Alan C. Whyte, Committee; Eoin Wall, Tony Condon, Michael Carey, Aidan Ryan, Paudie Halpin, Paddy Joe Ryan, Declan Spellman, Tony McCarthy, Billy Walsh.

Teams, captains and people in charge of teams deferred to clubs next meeting, Monday night 13th January at 9 pm.

GLANBIA BALLYMAC' BRANCH CLOSURE

A meeting took place at the Onel Lounge, Ballymacarbry on Monday, 5th December. The meeting was chaired by Anthony Ryan, Knockalishheen, a member of the board of Glanbia and there was Dan Herlihy Area Rep of Glanbia, some 150 people were present. Many questions were asked during the three and a half hour meeting. To the many questions the answers given were not satisfactory, the board of management has informed the people, shareholders and milk suppliers that the branch at Ballymacarbry is being closed as is Aghish, Cullencastle, Ballydurn. The branch at Ballymacarbry last year had a profit of 26,000 and is being closed. Nobody can tell why.

BROTHER AND SISTER CONFERRED WITH DEGREES

Congratulations to Bernard and Louise Moore, Kiltreggane, Ballymacarbry who graduated recently from third level colleges with Degrees. Bernard graduated from Waterford Institute of Technology with a First Class Honours Degree in Accountancy and is continuing his studies at Athlone Institute of Technology. Louise graduated from Mary Immaculate College, Limerick with an honours bachelor of Education Degree and is currently teaching in Newtown National School in Carrick-On-Suir. Bernard and Louise are son and daughter of Liam and Helen Moore.

FOURMILEWATER HURLING CLUB 45 RESULTS

1st 10 games Tom Ahearn, Mapstown and Mossy Cliffe, Touraneena. 2nd 7 games 3 pairs Paul Gleeson, Knockboy and Mush Keane, Ballinagulkee. Nellie Nugent and Liesh Doran, Newcastle. Michael Power, Scart and Richard Harte, Knocknaree. Lucky tables - 2 - Patsy and Eileen Halloran, Kilsheelan. Johnny Kiely, Ballinagulkee and Eileen Ryan, Clonanav. Cards each Friday night 9 pm.

LOTTO

Numbers drawn 12-13-20. No winner, 5 x 30 euro winners Larry Boyle, Knockmeal, Martin Wall, Knockaun, Abbie Dalton, c/o Connie Power, Jess O'Brien, Glenville. Tom Walsh, St. Martin's Place. Jackpot this week 1,650 euro.

PARISH FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

We would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Sale of Work which was a huge success. A word of thanks also to the business people for their sponsorship and particularly to the people who volunteered to help on the day.

The proceeds from this sale came to 4,500 euro and this money will go towards the protection of the church windows which will be storm glazed early in the new year.

BALLYMACARBRY NATIONAL SCHOOL PARENTS COUNCIL

The draw for the Christmas raffle will be held in Johnstons Bar on Sunday, December 18. Music by the Sliabh gCua Ramblers. Officers for the coming year are Chairperson Dorothy Proctor; Secretary Barbara Quinlan; Treasurer Majella Hogan.

LATE MR. PATRICK MAGAN

It is with deep and sincere regret we pen the death of Mr. Patrick (Paddy) Magan, Queen St., Clonmel. His death has added poignancy due to the fact that it came three months after the demise of his beloved wife Bridget with whom he was very close. He will be remembered as a quiet family man whose life revolved around the home, where a void has been created by his passing. Paddy hailed from County Longford, he was of a family of nine children and he went to school in Killashee where he was born and reared. Before joining the Army in 1950, he spent a period in the F.C.A. following which he did his military training in the Curragh. Subsequently he transferred to Kickham Barracks, Clonmel. In 1953 he met Bridget O'Connor who hailed from the County Limerick at a dance in the Caroline Ballroom in Clonmel and two years later they were married and they became the proud parents of four children. His daughter nostalgically recalls their happy childhood, the fun they had with their dad who at the time had a Morris Minor and would bring them anywhere. Having cut turf as a young lad back home in Longford, nothing gave him more pleasure than to drive up to Moneaha Bog in the Comeraghs where he would watch the turf cutters of the Nire. The family had happy memories of the family going to the wood when their Dad bought timber from the Forestry. Going back to his native Longford over the years with his family for a holiday gave him so much joy, especially introducing his children to eel fishing in the same stream he fished as a boy.

After 26 years he retired from the army and took up employment with Barlow's where he worked until 1990. His retirement gave him more time to relax with his wife and family. He and his wife enjoyed going to her home place in Limerick where they would invariably pick up her sister as they took off for Knock, Clare, Galway and such places. Paddy loved driving and he was noted for his obliging nature, always ready to take out his car and bring some one wherever they needed to go. He enjoyed taking his grandchildren on picnics to the Mahon Falls and the Slate Quarries. For the past fifteen years Paddy and his wife loved going to 10 am Mass in St. Mary's, Irishtown. They both had been in Lourdes no less than fourteen times. Paddy loved carrying the Saint Mary's Parish banner on such occasions. On those pilgrimages, he would avail of the opportunity to go on a day trip to the Pyrennees, being a lover of the mountains. He was involved with the Wheelchair Association and could be seen regularly collecting for them. He and his wife were real bingo fans at St. Mary's Hall, Irishtown. Deteriorating health however, over the past four or five years curtailed his activities and he was in and out of hospital. Paddy's membership of the O.N.E. of which he was treasurer at one time, kept him in touch with his old army buddies. Despite being unwell Paddy and Bridget celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last April at which there was a wonderful gathering of family and friends. Sadly Bridget died two months later which was a sad blow to Paddy who passed away after a week in South Tipperary General Hospital. His remains were removed to Saint Mary's Parish Church, Irishtown where they were blessed and received by Very Rev. Robert Power C.C., St. Mary's. Requiem Mass was celebrated the following morning by Rev. Fr. Robert Power C.C. A guard of honour was provided by the O.N.E. at the removal from Saint Mary's of his remains. The interment took place in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Clonmel. Fr. Power C.C. officiated at the graveside in the presence of a large concourse of mourners paying their final respects to a Christian friend.

To his sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and his many relatives we extend our sympathy.

Go dtugadh Dia solas na bhflaitheas da anam.

LATE MR. JAMES HARNEY

In relation to the obituary of the late James (Jim) Harney, Glenview Heights, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath and Ballymacarbry, Clonmel, the Ballymacarbry correspondent of the Dungarvan Leader, Thomas Walsh made an error in relation to the late James Harney's Career and to his wife Maura, daughter Sandra, his sisters Kitty and Nellie and his other relations to them I apologise for any distress I have caused to the family, hoping they accept this.

The following is the correct career of the late gentleman. Deceased who was born, 25th August, 1930 was the only son of John and Catherine Harney (nee Ryan). He was brother of Catherine (Kitty) and Ellen M. (Nellie) Harney. Jim received his early education at the now defunct National School, Newtown and then at the CBS, Dungarvan where he was a brilliant pupil. His career in local government began with Tipperary North Riding County Council at first in Thurles and later in Nenagh. In 1956 he was appointed by Donegal County Council as Assistant Secretary, in Saint Colan's Hospital, Letterkeny. From then on, he remained involved with the health services, while they were still under the control of the County Councils and also following their transfer to the Regional Health Boards. Having spent some seven years in Donegal, he transferred to Offaly County Council, Tullamore. In the early 1970's he was appointed by the newly-formed midland Health Board as Administrator at Saint Laman's Hospital, Mullingar, which position he held until his retirement in 1995.

LISMORE NOTES

LISMORE GOLF CLUB NOTES

Last week, we continued with our Turkey/ Ham series of 12 hole stableford competition kindly sponsored by Maurice Kelleher Supervalu Cappoquin. We had a big turnout again this week and with the course playing very long this week's winners seemed to have no problem mastering it. Again this week we had three new winners, '15' new winners in total.

Last weeks turkey winners are 1st Place with a superb 31pts Lismore man and Toyota main dealer, James Hornibrook; in 2nd place with 29pts was Committee member Colm Burke pipping his Pierce Purcell Team Mate, Ted O'Leary on the last 6 holes also with 29pts. This week it's your last chance to win one of the hams in the series so get out there and play. It's your last chance for another year.

CHILDRENS PARTY

Next Sunday, we are holding our children's party at 2.30pm to 5.00pm. 50 members. Bring along your children or grandchildren and have a great day. There will be plenty of entertainment and a visit from that great man, Santa.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

After the children's party we have our first presentation from our new Captain Dermot O'Leary. List of Prize winners on notice board. So please come along and collect your prizes and support our new captain and our kind sponsor Maurice Kelleher at 6pm sharp.

DERMOT O'LEARY AGI ETL SPONSORED SPRING LEAGUE

It's that time again. The above league will commence in early January. So please put your name and handicap on the sheet on the Notice Board as soon as possible.

WEBSITE

We are now on the web. So if you want to be up to date on competition, results and fixtures and all club information and pictures log onto www.lismoregolf.org

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscriptions for 2006 are now due. 50 euro to help the smooth running of the club. Please pay your respective subscriptions to the registrar or put into the competition box as soon as possible. As the work on the extension of the clubhouse has started please be patient. We will try not to inconvenience our members too much. But it will be worth it in the end.

RESULTS

Monday 5th to Sunday 11th December 12 Hole Stableford Turkey Competition sponsored by Maurice Kelleher Supervalu Cappoquin. 1st Jimmy Hornibrook (17) 31 Pts, 2nd Colm Burke (10) 29 Pts, back 6 3rd Ted O'Leary (14) 29 Pts.

FIXTURES

Monday 12th to Sunday 18th 12 Hole Stableford Ham Competition sponsored by Maurice Kelleher Supervalu Cappoquin. Saturday 17th Tee Reserved from 9.00 to 10.00 am
Christmas Party at 2.30 followed by presentation of Prizes Sunday 18th 6.00

LISMORE LADIES GOLF CLUB Fixtures

Sunday 11th and Wednesday 14th 9 Hole S/F Christmas Prizes Entry and Re-Entry. Christmas Party 14th December at 8pm.

LISMORE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Santa is delighted that so many of his little friends visited him last Sunday in the Millennium Park. He took note of their needs and if Santa's bird (his robin) gives a favourable report of their behaviour in helping out at home up to Christmas (and beyond) he won't let them down.

Grateful appreciation to Station Officer, Eric Flynn and his very helpful Fire Brigade staff for treating all of Santa's friends to a ride on the fire engine. Our special thanks to the Lismore Vincent de Paul Conference for all their help.

WLR/LIONS CLUB APPEAL

Our annual Quiz will be held in Roses West End Bar next Friday night at 9.30pm. Tables of four (20 euro). Your help would be gratefully appreciated for this worthy cause. So come along for a night of fun.

C.L.C.G Lios Mor

Lotto

In Monday nights lotto of E4100, the winning numbers were 4, 8, and 13. There was no winner of the jackpot. Next weeks jackpot will be €4250.00. There will also be a Christmas Bonus Draw next week. The E15 winners were Michael Hickey, Deerpark, Tanya Tinnelly, Beechgrove, Shane Ormonde, Shanbally, Cappoquin and Michael Keane, Parks Road.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Lismore GAA will take place on December 29th in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Best Wishes

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to Billy Dunne, New Street.

Christmas Wishes

On behalf of the club we would like to wish all our members and supporters a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and look forward to a prosperous 2006.

C.L.C.G na nOg Lios Mor/ Baile na Saggairt

Primary School Fund Raiser: Our annual fund raising draw for the primary school took place recently. This draw provides for the much-needed equipment for the children mainly hurleys, helmets etc. Your support was much appreciated. We also wish to thank our sponsors for their support and donations mainly Ballysaggart G A A, Michael Coleman, Kathy O'Keefe, Gerry McGarry, Donal Shanahan, Roches Centra Lismore, Emer Barry, Michael McGrath, Michael Kearney of Kearneys Tallow and Foleys Bar Lismore. The support of the children and parents in ticket selling is greatly appreciated. A full list of winners will appear in next weeks issue

Social Night

On last Saturday night the 10th of December the club held its annual social night at The Castle Lodge Lismore. Your support was greatly appreciated for this annual get together and a great night was had by all. We wish to thank Seamie and Kathleen for their premises on the night and help in organising the music and local singers again proved to be an another hit on the night.

Medal Presentation night:

The annual presentation of medals to the winning teams took place on Friday night in Bun Scoil Bhothar Na Naomh.. This was a great night for the younger members - our future all-stars - and was a most enjoyable night. On the night Dave Bennett presented the medals to all the winners. Prior to presentation Dave gave some warm words of encouragement to the players. Many thanks for your help on the night Dave. To all who helped out, Bun Scoil Bhothar na Naomh for the Hall, Dick Ahearne, Eddie Nugent, Gerry Ahearne & William Leahy for organising the event and to all the ladies for the food on the night. For the children, we trust it was a memorable night.

LISMORES YOUNG CRICKETERS LOOK TO 2006 . . . AND BEYOND!



Shouts of 'HOWZAT' and 'OUT' are surely rare in Ireland during the winter season but not however in Lismore. Although the senior teams had mixed fortunes in the past year, the Lismore Cricket Clubs Youth Training Scheme has been in full swing for the past few months with the young guns of West Waterford, East Cork and South Tipperary honing their skills for the 2006 season. Under the watchful eyes of David Campion, Richard Tonks, Barry Brady and Sean Willoughby, the turnout and commitment of the junior side has surprised all involved and bodes extremely well for the clubs future. Each Monday evening at the Blackwater Community Schools Sports Hall, up to twenty youngsters are learning the basics of batting, bowling and fielding as well as an overview on the rules of the game. At the end of each session, teams are selected for a short (limit-

ed overs) match in which the desire to win knows no bounds. With interest in the game in Ireland rising rapidly to new levels, and with a full One Day International against England next June followed by the World Cup in 2007 in the West Indies, it is expected that the game of cricket will catch the imagination of our great sporting nation. As always, the Lismore Cricket Club offers a great welcome to participants as well as supporters and in particular the younger generation. For those wishing to take part, or just to watch the action, the Blackwater Community School Sports Hall is the place to be next Monday evening at 7pm. Be a part of Irelands fastest growing sport and be in line to support the 'boys in cricketing green' on the world stage.

Until then, keep the willow swinging!!

Lismore Carer and Toddler Group Notes

Storybox would like to thank Aine Marie Reilly from Lismore Holistic Clinic for her very informative and interesting talk last week. Herbal teas will now also be available for the adults as well as tea and coffee at the group on Thursday mornings!

Thanks also to Amanda, Ann and Rita for sorting toys and rearranging the room, we now have more space and look forward to installing new equipment next year.

We will be meeting this week as usual upstairs at the library across from the Bank of Ireland (entry through the side door) and the children will be invited to do some festive art work and we will be singing lots of seasonal songs. Our final meeting before the holidays will be on Thursday 22nd when we will have a Christmas party for the children. All parents and carers are invited to bring some snack for the party and we will make further plans this week...

The parents and carers are also looking forward to this Saturday night when we have our Christmas party on the 17th at 8.30pm at the Castle Lodge. If you haven't already signed up please let us know this Thursday if you can make it.

We welcome parents and carers from all areas with their babies and children. We have a variety of toys; we do art and craft as well as lots of singing and stories. The children get a healthy snack and the adults have time for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat. Subs are 2 euro and there is an annual registration fee of 5 euro. For further information contact Noreen or Caroline on 53601 or 54425.

Christmas Time At Lismore Farmers Market

Don't miss our exciting Christmas Market this Sunday, 18th December. Santa Claus will be visiting us from 10am-3pm and will be helped by his busy elves! You can have your picture taken with Santa on the day, and pick up a small gift from him as well. We are very lucky to have The Lismore Choir join us from noon; they will perform a wonderful selection of Christmas Carols which will add to the Christmas Market atmosphere. Our stallholders have very generously donated lots of goodies, and there will be plenty of warm drinks, mince pies and hot organic Irish Stew on offer while you browse through our wonderful selection of Stalls which will include: Cloverfield Organic Farm selling organic meat and goose for Christmas, T&R Bakeries, Glenribbeen Organic Veg, Full of Beans (coffee & chocolate specialties), Ballybride Garden Centre, Blue Rose Waterford (chemical free cosmetics & skincare), Handmade Cards, Beautiful Fresh Soaps, French Crêpes, Floral Displays, Old Mill Smoke House, Shady Plants of Clashmore, Fancy foods & Hot dogs, McGrath Jams, Knockanore Cheese, and lots more!

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters and customers who have travelled from near and far over the past few weeks, please call again Sunday and join us in a glass of mulled wine! Don't forget to enter our Christmas Raffle for our beautiful hampers all proceeds will be donated to a local charity.

We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday both young & old! For further information, please contact Maria Houlihan (086) 8072068 or Michael Walsh (086) 8377590 Choose local, choose life for our Community!

LISMORE/BALLYSAGGART PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

The coffee mornings have been going great. Veronica Troy will be hosting her coffee morning today, Wednesday 14th of December at 6 New Street, Botany, from 11am - 3pm, so go along for some festival cheer. There will also be a raffle for excellent prizes. Many thanks for all your efforts and support if you have already hosted or attended one of the coffee mornings. Further details will follow and the draw will take place on the morning of the last one.

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CHAPEL STREET, LISMORE, CO. WATERFORD
For Sale by Private Treaty



Beautifully presented, this 3 bed centrally located property has been renovated from top to bottom. Step inside and admire the bright and airy interior with lovely colour schemes. Located in centre of the historic Heritage town of Lismore. Well worth viewing! OFCH. Acc. Ent. hall, lounge, kitchen, dining, utility, shower room, 5 beds, bath, w.c. approx. 1,170 sq. ft. approx. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price on application.

LISMORE

**Property Of
The Week**

**5 DOIREBEG, O'CONNELL STREET,
DUNGARVAN, CO. WATERFORD**



House hunters take note of this attractive 4 bed detached property located in the heart of Dungarvan. Step inside and admire the bright interior which is in excellent condition throughout and complimented by an enclosed private rear garden. OFCH. Acc. Ent. hall, lounge, sun lounge, kit/dining, 4 beds (1 en suite), bath, 120 sq.m (1,300 sq. ft.) approx. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price on application.

DUNGARVAN


**BALLINROAD, DUNGARVAN,
CO. WATERFORD**
For Sale by Private Treaty



Space, comfort and a friendly neighbourhood set the tone for this beautiful 3 bed property. This property has been completely refurbished and offers a light filled interior. Located a short drive from Clorna beach and adjacent to the N25. OFCH. Acc. Ent. hall, lounge, kit/dining, 3 beds (2 en suite), bath, 106 sq.m (1,122 sq. ft.) approx. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price on application.

BALLINROAD
DUNGARVAN


**11-12 O'CONNELL STREET,
DUNGARVAN,
CO. WATERFORD**
For Sale by Private Treaty



Prime town centre commercial property (in various sized units) with enormous potential for further retail and residential development (subject to planning permission). The property is located in the heart of Dungarvan town centre with busy passing trade. Site area 0.151 acres approx. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price on application.

DUNGARVAN

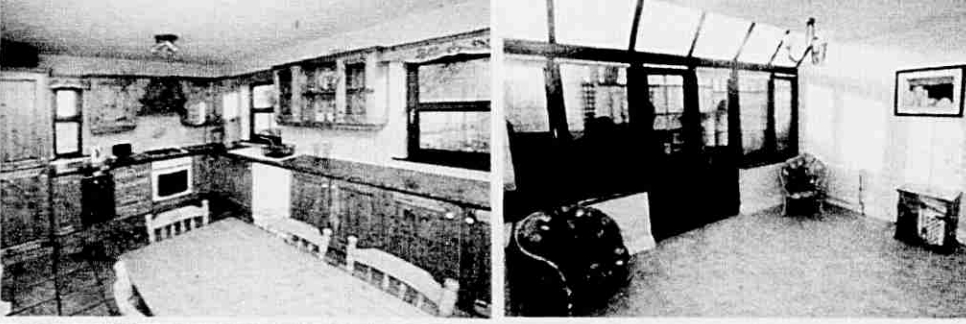
**33 ABBOTTS CLOSE, SEAPARK, ABBEYSIDE,
DUNGARVAN, CO. WATERFORD**
For Sale by Private Treaty



Spacious 4 bed property located in popular 'Seapark' near all the magnificent views of New Head from the sea. The property has the benefit of a secure rear garden and offers great potential. Short walk to all town centre amenities. OFCH. Acc. Ent. hall, lounge, dining, kit, 4 beds, bath, w.c. 1,110 sq.m (1,180 sq. ft.) approx. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price on application.

ABBESIDE

**ROCKVILLE, COMERAGH, LEMYBRIEN,
CO. WATERFORD**
For Sale by Private Treaty



Attractive 3 bed bungalow standing on 1 acre approx. Wonderful high countryside views, beneath the Comeragh mountains. The spacious interior has been lovingly decorated and available many unusual features. G.H. Acc. Ent. hall, lounge, living room, kit/dining room, utility, 3 beds, (1 en suite), bath, 178 sq.m (1,857 sq. ft.) plus garage 28 sq.m (298 sq. ft.) approx. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price on application.

LEMYBRIEN

**STRADBALLYMORE, STRADBALLY,
CO. WATERFORD**
For Sale by Private Treaty
(or by Public Auction at a later date)



Prime development land (zoned residential) consisting of 6.25 acres approx. located in Stradballymore, Stradbally, Co. Waterford. The site is situated a stones throw from the village square, in this most attractive village situated on the Copper Coastline and winner of numerous awards in the National Tidy Towns competition. For further information including site maps, contact David Reynolds or Siobhan McGrath at 058 23444. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price on application.

STRADBALLY

LAND
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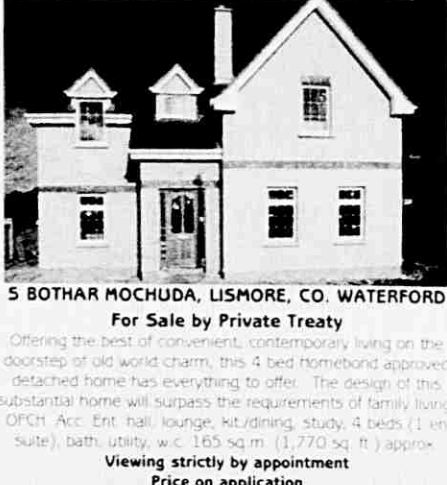
**MAIN STREET, CLASHMORE,
CO. WATERFORD**
For Sale by Private Treaty



Well presented 3 bed property situated in the heart of Clashmore. The property has 2 reception rooms and an enclosed rear garden with rear access and large garage. Ideally located for those who need to commute to rough or Dungarvan. OFCH. Acc. Ent. hall, lounge, living, kit, utility, 3 beds, bath, 88 sq.m (950 sq. ft.) approx. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price region €165,000.

CLASHMORE

5 BOTHAR MOCHUDA, LISMORE, CO. WATERFORD
For Sale by Private Treaty



Offering the best of convenience, contemporary living on the doorstep of old world charm, this 4 bed homebound approved detached home has everything to offer. The design of this substantial home will surpass the requirements of family living. OFCH. Acc. Ent. hall, lounge, kit/dining, study, 4 beds (1 en suite), bath, utility, w.c. 165 sq.m (1,770 sq. ft.) approx. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price on application.

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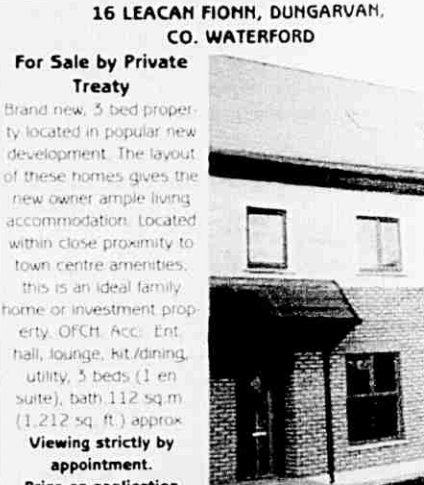
**"RAINBOWS END", KILLEEGH SOUTH,
KNOCKANORE, CO. WATERFORD**
For Sale by Private Treaty



Beautifully presented, mature 5 bed family home with spectacular landscaped gardens that will take your breath away. The property comes with a total of 6 acres which includes stables. Located 9 miles approx. from Dungarvan. OFCH. Porch, ent. hall, lounge, kit/dining, utility, 5 beds (1 en suite), bath, 155 sq.m (1,450 sq. ft.) approx. plus stables. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price on application.

KNOCKANORE

**16 LEACAH FIONN, DUNGARVAN,
CO. WATERFORD**
For Sale by Private Treaty



Brand new 3 bed property located in popular new development. The layout of these homes gives the new owner ample living accommodation. Located within close proximity to town centre amenities, this is an ideal family home or investment property. OFCH. Acc. Ent. hall, lounge, kit/dining, utility, 3 beds (1 en suite), bath, 112 sq.m (1,212 sq. ft.) approx. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price on application.

DUNGARVAN

**MACE SUPERMARKET & DELI,
MAIN STREET, CLASHMORE,
CO. WATERFORD**
For Sale by Private Treaty



Established, thriving supermarket located on the Main Street in Clashmore. The property is being sold as a going concern including spacious shop, delicatessen and newageery. The business currently includes Clashmore Post Office and the new owner may apply to An Post to retain this valuable service. Fully appointed 5 bedroom apartment overhead with adequate parking. OFCH. Acc. Shop, office, store, shower room, Apartment, lounge, kit/dining, 5 beds, bath, 210 sq.m (2,250 sq. ft.) approx. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price on application.

CLASHMORE


EAST MAIN STREET, LISMORE, CO. WATERFORD
For Sale by Private Treaty



Pretty, 3 bed property located in the heart of Lismore. This is a light filled home with compact rear garden, perfect for minimum maintenance. The property has much potential and presents good value for those wishing to live in Lismore. OFCH. Acc. Ent. hall, lounge, kit/dining/living, 5 beds, bath, w.c. 85 sq.m (900 sq. ft.) approx. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price region €169,000.

LISMORE

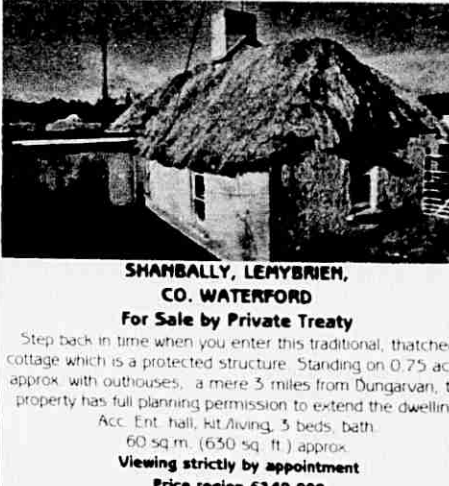
**BALLINACOURTY, DUNGARVAN,
CO. WATERFORD**
For Sale by Private Treaty



They say that it's all about location, this 5 bed traditional style cottage can certainly boast a fabulous location. Step out of the front door and stroll down to Ballinacourty pier, pop into the Gold Coast hotel or walk to the adjacent 18 hole golf club. Acc. Ent. hall, kit/living, 5 beds, bath, 47 sq.m (500 sq. ft.) approx. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price region €215,000.

BALLINACOURTY

**SHANBALLY, LEMYBRIEN,
CO. WATERFORD**
For Sale by Private Treaty



Step back in time when you enter this traditional, thatched cottage which is a protected structure. Standing on 0.75 acres approx. with outbuildings, a mere 5 miles from Dungarvan, the property has full planning permission to extend the dwelling. Acc. Ent. hall, kit/living, 5 beds, bath, 60 sq.m (650 sq. ft.) approx. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price region €149,000.

LEMYBRIEN

**SCART, BALLINAHULT, DUNGARVAN,
CO. WATERFORD**
For Sale by Private Treaty



Opportunity to acquire a derelict cottage on 1 acre approx. (option to purchase additional land) with potential for one dwelling subject to planning permission. This site enjoys a most tranquil setting and wonderful mountain views. Located 10 miles approx. from Dungarvan. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price on application.

BALLINAHULT

**TO LET
UNIT AT NILRUSH BUSINESS PARK,
DUNGARVAN, CO. WATERFORD**



Substantial retail unit located in the easily accessible Nilrush Business Park, just off the main N25. Comprising of 2,000 sq. ft. approx. ground floor & 1,000 sq. ft. approx. first floor space. The unit comes with the benefit of adequate parking facilities and has excellent visibility within the business park. 278 sq.m (3,000 sq. ft.) approx. For further details contact David Reynolds at 058 23444. Viewing strictly by appointment.

DUNGARVAN

CRECHE FACILITY
For Sale by Private Treaty

Opportunity to acquire a purpose built creche facility within walking distance of Dungarvan town centre. Located in an area with a large catchment base, the premises has easy access to the N25. For further details and plans contact David Reynolds or Siobhan McGrath at 058 23444. Viewing strictly by appointment. Price on application.

DUNGARVAN

**FOR SALE BY
PUBLIC AUCTION FARM**
Tomorrow,
Thursday Dec 15th 05
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Dungarvan, Co. Waterford



**KILMORE EAST, TALLOW,
CO. WATERFORD**
PRIME ROADSIDE HOLDING

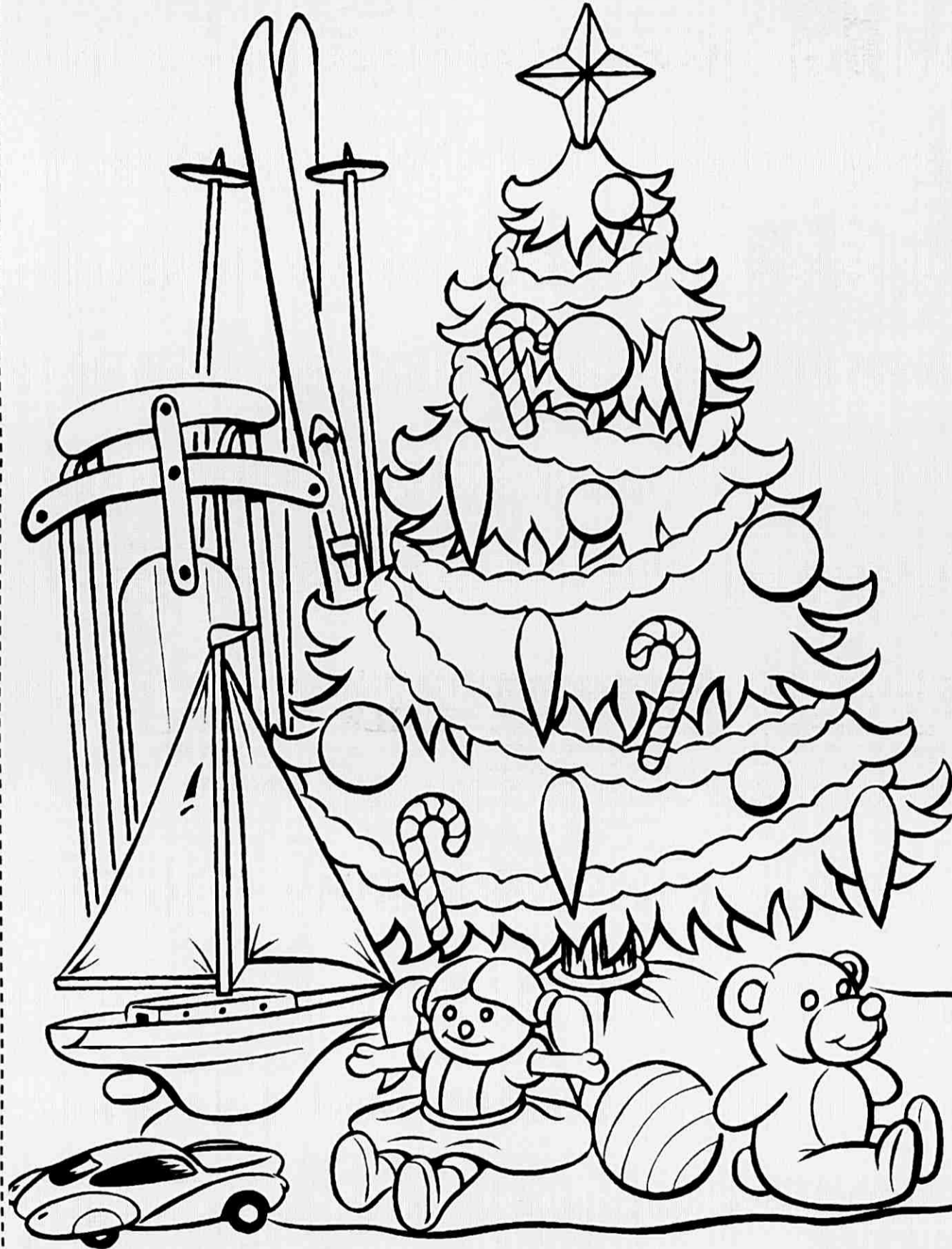
A unique opportunity to acquire circa 59 acres (23.823 hectares) of prime agricultural land in permanent pasture with extensive road frontage. Only 1.2 miles from Tallow town centre, 28 miles from Cork City, 12 miles from Fermoy and 20 miles from Dungarvan. Seldom does such quality land come on the market therefore viewing is highly recommended (by appointment only). For further details contact David Reynolds at Sherry FitzGerald Reynolds at 058 23444. Solicitor: Justin Mc Carthy, Solicitor, Carlton House, Fermoy, Co Cork

TALLOW

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Entries to reach the "Leader" Office on or before Monday, December 19th, not later than 12 noon

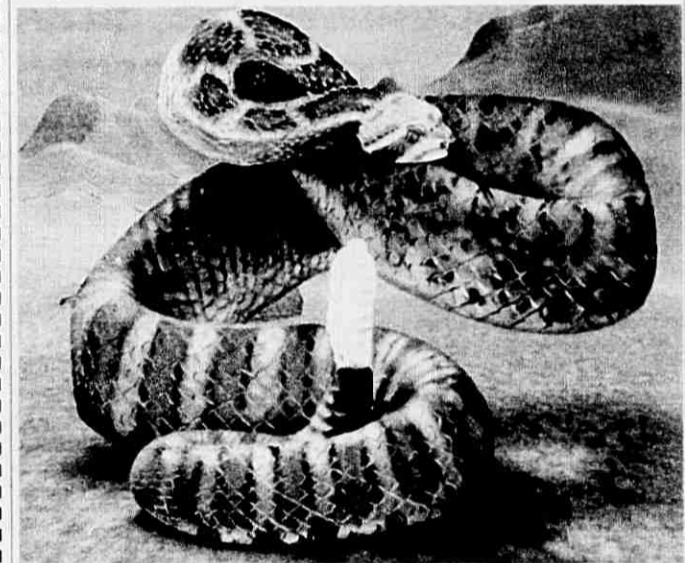
Snakes

All snakes have bodies covered with waterproof scales. They have no eyelids or legs. Their forked tongues smell and taste the air, and they are flesh eaters. A lot of snakes have poison glands in their head. When the snake opens its jaws, the poison is forced into the fangs which inject it into the enemy's flesh. Some snakes, such as cobras, spit venom at prey. Constrictors wrap their body around a victim and then squeeze it to death. The biggest member of this family is the anaconda, which lives in rivers and swamps in South America.



Snakes Are Concertinas

Many snakes draw themselves up into a concertina shape, then move their head forward, bringing the tail up to form another concertina. Some snakes wriggle from side to side, while others grip the ground with their tough scales.



Snakes Swallow Their Prey Whole

A snake's jaw are specially hinged so that they can open extremely wide, which allows them to eat their prey whole. By moving its jaws alternately, a snake gradually works its prey down into its throat, where the prey is swallowed. After its meal, the snake rests until the food has been digested which can take several days if the prey is large. At the end of this time, the snake disgorges a ball of fur – the only part of the prey that it cannot digest!

A Snake Can't Shut Its Eyes

Unlike most other reptiles, snakes have no membrane to cover their eyes – so their eyes are always wide open. Most snakes have extremely good eyesight but some, such as the burrowing snake, are almost blind.

DID YOU KNOW?

Several snakes share the bright colours of the deadly poisonous coral snake. Presumably nothing stays around long enough to find out they don't share its poison!



American hog-nose snakes and European grass snakes roll belly-up and play dead when in danger.



The West Indian wood snake not only plays dead – its body releases the smell of rotting flesh, and blood vessels colour its eyes red.



Snakes have been Christian symbols of evil since the Serpent tempted Adam in the Garden of Eden.

West Waterford Notes



A group of children pictured at the Blackwater Garden Centre Children's Christmas workshop on Saturday last where they got to make some wonderful decorations. Meet the guide dogs of the future (the three puppies pictured with the children). Then Santa came to visit. Also during their visit to the centre all the children got to visit the polar bears in their icy wonderful. They wrote a letter to Santa and they should be hearing back from him any day now. They got to see the model train and sing along with the singing Moose. They even managed to get some great little gifts and presents for family and friends. A special word of thanks to all at Blackwater Garden Centres for making everyone feel so welcome and so special. The entire proceeds of this years workshops go to hospice.

TURKEY TOURNAMENT

The Rising Sun ring group wish to remind you all that we will be playing our annual Christmas turkey ring tournament on this Friday at Beresford's Bar and all are welcome.

FLOWER ARRANGING WITH KATHLEEN MCSWEENEY

Our annual flower arranging with Kathleen McSweeney takes place in Kinsalebeg Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 20th. This year we ask beginners to be present at 7 pm and while more advanced arrangers should come at 8 pm. The cost on the night is 30 euro per person. Please bring material for items you wish to make on the night.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS BRENDAN

Congratulations to Brendan Glavin, Coolbagh who celebrated his 21st birthday during the past week. We all join with Brendan's parents Maureen and Billy, his brothers and sisters and all his relatives and friends in wishing him a very happy birthday and all the best for the future.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

The following are the arrangements for Christmas services in the Parish of Clashmore and Piltown. Christmas Eve, Vigil Mass; Piltown Church 7 pm, Clashmore Church 9 pm. Christmas Day Masses; Piltown Church (childrens choir will participate) 9.30 am. Clashmore Church 11 am.

CLASHMORE/KINSALEBEG JUVENILE GAA CLUB

Indoor Hurling

This Friday night, Dec. 16th is our final night of Indoor Hurling before Christmas. Indoor Hurling will resume after the seasonal break on Friday, Jan. 13th. At this stage we would like to wish everyone who supported this highly successful venture. Best wishes to all the players for Christmas. Hope Santa comes with lots of goodies for all of you.

PILTOWN SCHOOL DRAW

Apology

This week we need to make a correction on a recently published result from the Kinsalebeg Parents Association Non Stop Draw. The results given for November were in fact the results of a previous draw. We extend apologies to everyone concerned.

The following are in fact the results of our most recent draw; 1st prize: Elizabeth Mooney, promoter, Clara Twomry, 2nd Tom Morrissey, Promoter Christine Collins, 3rd Siobhan Walsh, Promoter Sophie Walsh, 4th Ber

Ryan, Promoter Rebecca Curran.

Our thanks to everyone for their wonderful support. Congratulations to each of our winners and again our apologies to everyone concerned.

BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our 2005 Clashmore Road Bowling Champions are Patrick Murphy and Andrea Cunningham, Patrick and Andrea were crowned King and Queen of the road after a thrilling afternoons bowling in Clashmore.

OUR IRON LADY "MARY" TOPS IN THE COUNTRY

She's a 5th year student in Colaiste Eoin, Youghal. A past pupil of Clashmore National School, she resides with her parents Catherine and Pad Joe and sister Josephine in Kilgabriell, Clashmore and she is the top student in the country in Junior Certificate Metal work in 2005. We speak of course of Mary McGrath.

On Dec. 2nd, Youghal Town Council honoured the All Honours student Mary McGrath with a civic reception befitting its award winning student at the Mall House. Present on the night were Mary's family and classmates.

Among the many guests present for the presentation to Mary at the Mall House was another very proud Clashmore man Mr. Declan O'Keefe, Metal Work and Engineering teacher at the school. This was a wonderful achievement for this very brilliant student who has brought great honour and pride to her school and family. Congratulations Mary and every success with your studies and career choices in life.

HAPPY 30TH MARK

Congratulations to Mark Carey, Clashmore who celebrated his 30th birthday in the Decies Bar, Clashmore recently in the great company of his family and friends and a wonderful night was had by all. A very happy birthday to you Mark and all the best for the future.

THERESA IS OUR JACKPOT WINNER

The 8090 euro Clashmore/Kinsalebeg GAA Club lotto jackpot has been won and the very lucky winner is Mrs. Theresa Healy from Grange. Theresa's winning numbers were 3-7-10-22. Congratulations Theresa, hope you enjoy your prize. Also on Monday night we had five winners of 15 euro each. Well done to Mary Roche, Kilgabriell; Maureen White, Cross; Sheila Hickey, Grange; Luke and Adrian Se-

ward, Piltown; P.J. Landers.

Our Christmas special draw takes place next Monday night at the Old Still. Here ten lucky winners will have a chance to win 50 euro each and a chance to win the big prize our jackpot which will be around 1,000 euro. So get your numbers in.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW

The Clashmore Parents Association will hold the draw for their Christmas Hamper on Thursday night, December 22nd at the Decies Bar. So please make an effort to sell all your lines and you could also be in to be a winner of one of our many sellers prizes. There is just a week left so get moving on those cards.

CLASHMORE 45 DRIVE

Roger Hynes and John Hynes, Martin Lynch and Pat Roche all scored a long over due win for both pairs this week on nine games. Beaten in third place and on seven games were Stephen Cunningham and Johnny Prendergast, Mary Ann and Bobby Connery, Peggy Russell and Paddy Lynch, Mary Dower and Jack Douris.

These weeks best of the last five went to Nell and Paddy Foley, Liam Curran and Tomas Allen, Mary Fleming and John Cliffe. Our final prize of the night went to lucky last game winners Maura McGrath and John Connery. So well done all. Cards as usual next Monday night.

CLASHMORE RAMBLERS

After our performance in recent weeks our game on Sunday was a bit of a disappointment. On the previous week we had played Brideview at home. All our players were in top form with Ramblers scoring a total of seven goals to Brideview's nil. We had hat tricks from Edmond Og Ledingham and Roger Ryan together Paudie O'Rourke's scored brought our total to seven. We played Affane on Sunday at their home ground with our two scores came from Sean Fleming, penalty and Edmond Og Ledingham. Affane responded equally with two goals giving a final result of Clashmore Ramblers 2 Affane 2.

Team for the Ramblers on Sunday were Pa O'Rourke, Shane Dalton, Colm Hogan, Stephen Kenneally, John Paul Carey, Pierce Coonan, Vinnie Coonan, Edmond Og Ledingham, Sean Fleming, Declan Allen and John Murphy. Subs Declan for Edmond and Thomas Burke for Colm.

CAPPOQUIN SCHOOLBOY SOCCER NEWS

U-8 and U-10 boys and girls

Friday Floodlit Football has finished for Christmas but will start up again in the new year. This has been great fun and the children will miss it for the few weeks. We in the club will have training for these boys and girls over the next month details of which we will have next week.

Girls U-14

We have entered a team into this League which will take place after Christmas on Astroturf. Any Girls interested please contact Rita Mc Carthy at 087/2767658. Training will start soon.

U-12 Boys

This team had a marvellous result on Friday week last in Lismore. Up against favourites Ardmore they rose to the challenge and recorded a 2-0 victory. All on the squad played their part in this win which puts us right back in the running. The first goal came at the start of the second half when a Sean Donovan shot was well saved by the Ardmore Keeper but Colin Walsh was on hand to finish to the net. The second came near the end when Sean broke away from midfield and crossed to Jason Morrissey who made no mistake to put the game beyond doubt.

Team; Kevin Phelan, David O'Brien, Craig O Shea, Colin Walsh, Eoin Kearns, Brendan Phelan, Conor Murray, Peter O'Keefe, Cailin O Gorman, Sean O'Donovan, Dean Whelan, Shane Mc Carthy, Colin Murray, Eoin Leahy, Jason Morrissey, Brian O'Donoghue, David Murray. All subs were used and played very well. Next game is on next Friday at 6.30 in Lismore again.

On Friday last we played two league games. Firstly against Pinewood which finished 1-1. Our goal was a marvellous strike, coming from Brian O'Donoghue. The second game saw us take on Ballybridge Utd and we won on a scoreline of 2-0. Colin Walsh scored both goals in the second half. We are progressing along nicely with this squad and well in the running for league honours. Team: Kevin Phelan, Craig O Shea, Shane Mc Carthy, Colin Walsh, Owen Kearns, Coner Murray, Dean Whelan, Brendan Phelan, David O'Brien, Brian O'Donoghue, Sean O'Donovan, Colin Murray, David Murphy, Jason Morrissey, Owen Leahy, Lorcen Looby.

Boys U-14

This team were not so lucky. They travelled to Clashmore to take on one of the favourites but came away empty handed. A physically stronger home side won by 3-1. It was not one of their better performances but they did play some nice passing football at times.

Team: Ray Hallissey, Colin Walsh, David Cahillane, Dara Fives, Ross Mc Loughlan, David Walsh, Owen Scanlon, Finan Murray, Colm Looby, Robbie Buckley, Evan Mc Grath, Darren Curran.

Youths

This squad played twice in the last two weeks and took full points from both. Our visitors on sat week last were Brideview who had been installed as favourites after a string of very impressive results. The conditions were very heavy but this did not stop both teams from playing some great soccer. We took the lead when Mossie Collins hit a great strike from outside the box. Before the break we went further ahead when David Kett struck a marvellous free kick to the net.

In the second half constant

Brideview pressure was rewarded when they were awarded a penalty which they duly dispatched. However having withered the storm we put the game beyond doubt with 5 minutes remaining. David Kett put Paul Barry Through with an exquisite pass, Paul steadied himself and chipped the keeper for the goal of the game.

All round a great performance in a great game. Team: Ian Mason, Eddie Walsh, Johnny Buckley, Shane Flavin, John O'Conner, Mark Landers, Mossie Collins, Shane Power, Daithi Wilkinson, Paul Barry, Ciaran Flynn, Res. David Kett and Mark Scanlon.

Next up was a visit to Ardmore, never an easy game but to be fair the home side were missing a few key players. We also were without a few, rumour had it they were shopping, hope ya bought Stephen a nice Christmas present. My oh my how things have changed, in our day mens shopping was done on christmass eve if at all.

Nevertheless we collected all points in a very open game which had plenty of goals. Mark Scanlon opened our account when he got to the ball just ahead of the keeper to nick the ball past him. Next up was Paul Barry with a wonder strike from the edge of the box. With his confidence high Paul let fly again minutes later and found the net again for another great goal. Ardmore then were rewarded for their efforts and pulled a goal back. In the second half Maurice Collins got on the end of a David Kett cross and nodded home number 4. Ardmore scored again and proceeded to miss a few good chances which would have brought them back into the game. We finished the scoring when Daithi Wilkinson

volleyed home another fine goal. Team: Brian Phelan, Mark Scanlon, Shane Flavin, Eddie Walsh, John Buckley, David Kett, Maurice Collins, Daithi Wilkinson, John O'Conner, Paul Barry, Shane Power.

CAPPOQUIN ROWING CLUB

Congratulations to Milo and Caroline Murray who both took part in the 3km time trial on Iniscarra Lake in Cork on the 3rd of December. Caroline Murray won the Womens Novice Sculls and Milo Murray won the Mens Veteran Sculls. Well Done to both.

CAPPOQUIN DAY CENTRE

The Cappoquin Day Centre would like to thank all those who took part in the draw and the promoters who worked to hard to raise the money for the Day Centre. We wish all our friends a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Non-Stop Draw

Draw No. 9 10th Dec. 1st 100 euro Sean Moore, c/o Cappoquin Chickens. 2nd 50 euro Michael and Mary McGrath, Boherboyrea. 3rd 30 euro Sarah McGrath, Camphire. 4th 20 euro Rose Sargent, Cappoquin.

Draw No. 10. 1st 100 euro Bidy Noonan, c/o Day Centre. 2nd 50 euro Grainne Walsh, c/o Sheila Denn. 3rd 30 euro Mrs. Gertie Whelan, c/o Marguirete Fraher. 4th 20 euro Ann Devine, c/o M. Fraher.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Don't forget Villierstown Community Council's Annual Christmas Party on Sunday afternoon next in the Community Centre from 2-5 p.m. All are welcome. Santa will be visiting, so come along to an evening full of great fun.

RAILWAY ATHLETIC F.C. CLUB NOTES

Railway Tots

On Saturday last our tots made the short journey to Dungarvan. We had two games on the astro turf. Our tots are doing very well over the past few months. The fact that they are training twice a week is a big factor, full credit to all the coaches who are helping out. We won both games but at this stage of their career it is not about winning, it is their development and they must have fun. They will play a few more games over the Xmas. Once again we would like to thank Dungarvan for the games.

No Junior Games

Over the past few weeks have been a bad time for our junior teams. The weather was a big factor and now last weekend we had no fixtures because of a dispute between Munster and the junior league so we hope that this is sorted out sooner rather than later.

Xmas Hamper

Tickets are now on sale for our Xmas Hamper Draw over the years. This hamper has proven to be a great success and great value. Tickets are 2 euro each or a book of 3 for 5 euro. The draw will take place on Friday, 23rd December. The date on our ticket of the 17th December was a mistake.

Merry Xmas

All at the club would like to wish everyone involved with our club a very happy Xmas and a very good new year.

Married v Singles

On St. Stephen's Day we will have a married v singles match. This game is open to men and women. The starting time is 3 pm, this should be a good bit of fun. We would ask all players to make a special effort to attend and when the game is over we will retire to a few watering holes and we hope to have a fun quiz and a few more surprises. The club will provide transport to bring people home.

Club Telephone

We now have our own telephone number. All club business and calls are to be made to this phone only, the telephone number is 087-2456604.

Club Merchandise

We have a new Railway top out. The cost of the top is adult 25 euro. Kids 20 euro. We have some club gear left over that we are selling at a reduced price. All the gear will be for sale at our schoolboy training on Thursday night.

Fixtures for Weekend and Over Xmas
Training Thursday 16th 7 pm start. We will return to training on Thursday 29th December. Starting time 4 pm.

Fixtures Saturday 17th Dec. Under 12 away to De La Salle at 10.30 am. Under 14 home to De La Salle 11.45 am. Saturday 31st Dec. Under 13 home to Carrick at 11.45 am. Saturday 7 Jan. under 12 away to Stradbally at 10.30 am. Saturday 7th Jan. under 14 home to Rathgormack at 11.45 am.

Recipes



COOKERY CORNER

Butter-roasted Turkey

MAKE Christmas Day special this year with this super recipe that will turn a frozen turkey into something really special.

Remember to remove the turkey from the freezer the day before, giving it plenty of time to defrost properly.

Ingredients:

(Serves 10-15)

1 oven-ready turkey, with giblets, about 4.5kg
1 quantity of Apricot and Rice Stuffing
125g butter, softened
salt and pepper

Apricot and Rice stuffing

175g mixed long-grain and wild rice
salt and pepper

3 tbsp oil

200g onions, peeled and chopped

150g dried apricots

50g shelled, skinned pastacio nuts

4 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

1 tbsp chopped fresh tyme

1 large egg, beaten

Gravy

3 tbsp plain flour

200ml dry sherry

1.1 litres homemade turkey or chicken stock

Method:

MAKE the stuffing by boiling the rice in a large pan of salted water for 20 minutes. Drain, rinse with cold water, drain again and place in a bowl.

Heat the oil in a pan, add the onions and cook gently for 10 minutes until soft and golden. Cut the apricots into strips, add to the pan and fry gently for 1 minute.

Add the mixture to the rice with the nuts and herbs and mix well. Allow to cool.

Add the egg and mix well, season generously with salt and pepper.

Remove and reserve the giblets from the turkey.

Loosen the skin at the neck end of the turkey, easing it up off the breast with your fingers. With a small knife remove the wishbone.

Spoon the stuffing inside the neck end only then neaten the shape, tuck the skin under and secure with a metal skewer.

Weigh the turkey and calculate the cooking time, allowing 40 minutes per kilo.

Place the turkey in a roasting tin, breast side down and spread with butter. Season with a little salt and pepper.

Place the giblets around the turkey, then cover with foil to make a étenti.

Roast in the oven at 190°C, 375°F, Gas Mark 5, basting regularly.

About 45 minutes before the end of the cooking time, remove the foil, turn the turkey over and continue cooking until the juices run clear when a skewer is inserted into the

thickest part of the thigh. Carefully tilt the bird to allow the juices in the cavity to run into the tin.

Transfer the bird to a warmed platter, cover with foil and leave to rest for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, make the gravy. Skim off most of the fat from the roasting tin, leaving about 2 tbsp of fat. Remove the giblets. Stir in the flour. Place

over a medium heat and cook, stirring, for 2-3 minutes, until golden brown. Add the sherry and bubble for 1 minute. Add the stock, bring back to the boil and bubble for 5-10 minutes until reduced by about half. Skim off any excess fat and strain into a warmed gravy boat. Carve the turkey and serve with all the trimmings.



Super Starter Salad

MANY people feel they have to serve that old 70s favourite, the prawn cocktail, to guests during the festive season, but here is a much tastier alternative.

Ingredients

(Serves 4)

2 tbsp caster sugar

1 tbsp chopped preserved stem ginger in syrup, drained, plus 1 tbsp syrup

1 tbsp lemon juice

4 small firm ripe pears

3 heads of chicory, trimmed and sliced

125g smoked salmon

Dressing

1 tbsp wholegrain Dijon mustard

1 tbsp soured cream

2 tsp white wine vinegar

pinch of sugar

salt and pepper

6 tbsp light olive oil

2 tbsp chopped fresh chives

Method:

PLACE the sugar, chopped

ginger, syrup and lemon juice in a saucepan with 150ml cold water. Heat gently until the sugar is dissolved, then bring to boil.

Peel the pears, cut in half and place inn the ginger syrup. Lower the heat and poach for 10 minutes until the pears are cooked through. Leave to cool in the syrup.

Lift the cooled pears out of the syrup and remove the cores. Slice the halves pears lengthwise, leaving the stalk end intact.

To make the dressing, blend the mustard, cream, vinegar and sugar in a bowl, then whisk in the oil and chives. Toss the sliced chicory with a little of the dressing to coat.

Divide between serving plates and top with the smoked salmon slices and pears. Spoon over the rest of the dressing and serve at once.

Brandied Prune Tart

IF you are not a great fan of Christmas pudding, try this delicious alternative.

This tasty tart can actually be served at any time of year to add a special touch to any dinner party or family meal.

Ingredients:

(Serves 8)

Filling

250g pitted prunes

5 tbsp brandy

1 vanilla pod, split

150ml double cream

150ml single cream

25g caster sugar

2 eggs

To glaze

4 tbsp apricot jam

2tbsp brandy

Method:

SOAK the prunes in the brandy overnight, or for several hours, until all the liquor is absorbed.

Put the vanilla pod and double cream in a saucepan and bring just to the boil then remove the pan off the heat and set aside to cool for 20 minutes.

Discard the vanilla pod.

Pour the infused cream into a bowl, add the single cream, sugar and eggs, and beat well.

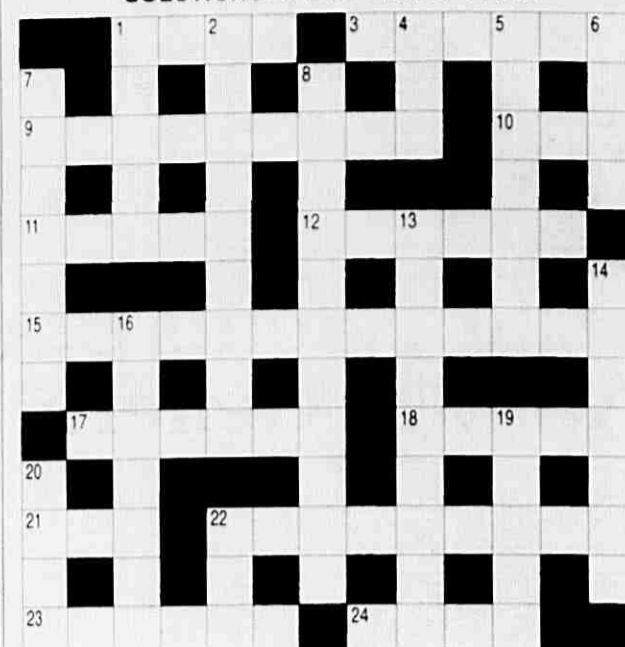
Scatter the soaked prunes into a pre-cooked 23-24cm wide flan case about 25 cm deep and pour the cream mixture around the fruit.

Bake for about 30 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 180°C, 350°F, Gas Mark 4, until the custard is turning golden and is just set in the centre.

Meanwhile, warm the apricot jam and brandy in a saucepan. Gently brush the glaze over the warm tart. Serve warm or cold, with a delicious helping of creme fraiche.

Leader Crossword

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ACROSS

- Forename of Sherlock Holmesis friend Dr Watson (4)
- A sample, such as of cloth, carpet or wallpaper (6)
- A candidate for admission to a religious community (9)
- Gerard, televisionis Buck Rogers (3)
- Cheshire town, the first major railway centre (5)
- Tool for enlarging or shaping holes (6)
- One of George Bernard Shawis Plays: Pleasant and Unpleasant (4,3,3,3)
- Anagram of DULCIE (6)
- Auxiliary verb indicating, among other things, duty (5)
- Naked—, term introduced by ethologist Desmond Morris for the relatively hairless human being (3)
- A summerhouse on raised ground (9)
- The opposite of nadir (6)
- Business letters abbreviation meaning of the current month (4)

DOWN

- Le mot — is the word that fits the context exactly (5)
- A home visit by a doctor (5,4)
- Archaic verb meaning know (3)
- A wrestling duo (3,4)
- The handle of a sword or knife (4)
- needs, term relating to particular educational requirements (7)
- Old-fashioned word meaning pretentious nonsense (11)
- Name of Britainis oldest public museum, located in Oxford (9)
- You may be instructed to get this from time to time (7)
- Actress Miss Lipman (7)
- An interviewee on a chat show (5)
- The — Singer, in 1927 the first talking picture (4)
- Creature associated with a superhero (3)

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- DOWN: 1 Juste, 2 House call, 4 Wit, 5 Tag team, 6 Hilt, 7 Special, 8 Tarradiddle, 13 Ashmolean, 14 Knotted, 16 Maureen, 19 Guest, 20 Jazz, 22 Bat.

TALLOW NOTES

TALLOW GAA NOTES

C.L.G. Tulach an Iarainn - Sponsored by Tallow Area Credit Union

Club Holds Successful Annual General Meeting

Gone are the days, we hope, when the annual general meeting dragged on interminably, with wrangling over the cost of hurleys on the balance sheet, the state of a half built wall, old perceived and long played out grievances or some equally boring topic. It's time to move on. If the homework is done beforehand the annual club convention need not be an endurance test.

With hurling selectors in place, only to be ratified, and no changes at the top table business was efficiently and I would say effectively concluded in little over an hour and a half at the clubs AGM last Friday night.

The chairman, John McDonnell expressed the generally felt disappointment at the performance of our senior hurling team this year but was confident we would see an improvement in 2006 as he pledged the full support of the club to the new management team of Colin Cunningham, Trevor Sheehan and Pat Bennett.

There was some improvement in the efforts of our junior hurlers this year, in reality the only way was up for this squad, and the Cathairleach hoped the selectors would build on this.

Shane "Gleannaghlough" McCarthy will be assisting James Beecher with the under 21 hurlers and the club had every confidence this panel was in good hands.

The perennial problem of the junior football team raised its head on cue. After some debate with many contributions from the floor the consensus seemed to be that the club owed it to those, especially among the ranks of Cois Bhride, who were more proficient in the big ball game to provide an outlet at adult level for their talents in a Tallow jersey. A sub committee will report back on this matter at the first committee meeting in 2006. If there is someone with an interest who is prepared to bring a bit of effort and organisation please identify yourself. A decent junior football team able to compete is very achievable.

Balance sheets brought forward by Mairead Sheehan, Loretta Kearney, Johnny Geary and Timmy Sheehan from their specific areas of responsibility showed the club to be in a healthy financial position. The chairman thanked the dedicated Lotto committee, Deise draw co ordinator Loretta Kearney and Johnny Geary who along with Loretta and

Billy Cantillon spearheaded the phenomenal development fundraising drive. The meeting acknowledged also the generous sponsorship received from Tallow Area Credit Union, Meadowfresh Foods and Kearney's Restaurant as well as the Deise draw and Lotto contributions of our supporters.

The chairman informed the assembled gael that the tendering process for the new club rooms was in the final stages and was optimistic that work would begin in early Spring. An application has also been made to extend public street lighting to the borders of Lough na Solas townland. We will have to make do with temporary dressing rooms for much of the year but I don't think anyone will complain about that.

Páirc De Paor:

It was unanimously agreed at the annual general meeting of Tallow G.A.A. club on Friday 9/12/2005 that our club grounds would be named Páirc De Paor in recognition of Eamonn De Paor's lifelong contribution to Gaelic Games.

Tallow GAA Lotto - supported by Kearney's Restaurant

5/12/05 Nos drawn: 7, 8, 19, 23. No jackpot winner.

Consolation prizes: Angela Doyle, Michael Harty, Shane Martin, Kathleen French. Promoter: The Latch.

12/12/05. Jackpot: €3850. Results next week.

Cois Bhride Enters New Phase:

If the strength of a club can be gauged by the attendance at its annual general meeting then Cois Bhride should thrive. By the time the mass goes arrived there was over 40 people in attendance at Nora Herlihy House last Wednesday night as Cois Bhride juvenile G.A.A. club prepared to enter its sixth year of existence.

I would be the first to admit that I and others suffered withdrawal symptoms after the old Tallow Juvenile Club was sacrificed on the altar of numerical necessity. There was much soul searching then and since. Times move on.. Looking around, on the top floor of "Mikey Brien's Mill" at the many new volunteers who have rallied to the juvenile cause it struck me that it was time to move on. It has to be the nature of a juvenile club to regenerate.

In the first few years the fledgling club was beset by a degree of mistrust and parochial loyalties but there is a sense now that Cois Bhride can move beyond that and establish a clear identity of its own.

The officers, committee and especially the selectors of Cois Bhride have a lot ahead of them in 2006. Go neiri leo....

BRIDEVIEW UTD AFC NOTES

Youths League Sponsored By East Cork Oil

United Back To Winning Ways

Our youth side got back to winning ways with a home win over East Cork side Inch on Saturday last. Our U14 side were defeated in Clashmore by the odd goal in three, which came late in the game. Our lotto jackpot was not won last weekend and further down the notes you will come across turkey, ham, and biscuit winners.

A big game in Tallow next Saturday (see notes further on) while our junior and schoolboy teams have a free weekend. No doubt to do the shopping.

U12 Result CLASHMORE RAMBLERS 2 BRIDEVIEW UTD 1

United can feel very unlucky here as they played very well and only conceded the winning goal very late in the game.

Ramblers opened the scoring after just 5 minutes. Brideview equalised after 20 minutes when Thomas Daly scored. Evan Sheehan went close to giving United the lead before the break but the sides went in level at half time.

The homeside regained the lead late in the game and despite a late rally from our lads the equaliser just would not come. Overall a good performance from our lads.

UTD: D Barry; D Hennessy, A Pratt, J Prendergast, K Fraser; J McGrath, S McInerney, D O Connor, T Daly; E Sheehan, J Taraphez

BEST WISHES

To Kieran Fraser, Shane Roche, Paudie Ahern, Roy Barry and Joe Leahy who are having trials for the leagues Inter-League U12 team. The lads are doing well or so we are told.

NEW DANCING GROUP

As a result of a Birthday party for Bernard a new dancing group has now been formed. Their first performance was in The Weigh Room where they went down a bomb. We will keep punters informed of this now very stylish group's next booking. Oh, and it's a threesome of two girls and a boy.

NO FIXTURES

The club has no fixtures for this coming weekend.

U18 RESULT BRIDEVIEW 5 INCH 1

Brideview Utd's U18 team bounced back from last week's defeat to Cappoquin to pick up three points at home to Inch.

With 3 or 4 players still out injured Brideview needed to rally to get a result, so it was unfortunate that several players

chose Saturday as their day to go shopping or whatever and neglected to tell the management.

Inch started well and only some good goalkeeping by Shane Ahearne kept United in the game. A goal by the Boy Wonder Tommy Ryan left United with a 1-0 half time lead. Two goals in the first five minutes of the second half sealed the victory. Inch pulled a goal back but Brideview added two more before the end to seal a comfortable victory. Brideview's goalscorers were Kevin Henley and Barry Coleman and a hat trick by Tommy 'Fowler' Ryan.

Squad: Barry Coleman; Stephen Fraser, Tommy Ryan, Shane Ahearne, Ken Kearney, Eric Hickey, Eamon Forbes, James Hampton, Graham O'Neill, Joey Power, Kevin Henley.

LOTTO JACKPOT

€1,800 euros - Numbers 2-8-10-12. No winner. Match 3 winners. Phyllis Cunningham, Val Ahearne, Liz McCarthy, Mick Goulding, Seamus O'Brien, Nicky Burke, Michael and Nancy Hogan, Lisa Hennessy.

Next weeks draw takes place in the Corner House.

€1,950 euro - Last weeks numbers 5-9-15-21. No winner. Match three winners. Mickey Curley, Tom Joe Daly, Anne Tobin, Dylan Morgan, Brian Power, Lorraine Donnelly, Francis Tobin Woodview Park, Sheila Fraser, Pad Fitzgerald, Jonie O'Neill, John O'Carroll, Shane Martin. Draw next Friday in Luke McCarthy's at 10 o'clock sharp.

BIG MATCH FOR TALLOW

On Saturday afternoon last, we host our Youth Inter League team versus The Kerry Youth League. This should be a game well worth seeing. Indeed our club will have Graham O'Neill, Stephen Fraser, Barry Coleman, Eamonn Frobes and hopefully Stephen Power in action. We wish the manager, Ray Fraser, his assistant, Noel Hegarty and the lads the best of luck.

TURKEY AND HAM WINNERS

The following is a list of winners who won in our free Christmas Lotto Draw. Turkey winners, Kate Sheehan, Liz Barry, Marion O'Brien, Delia Rafferty.

Ham winners: Eileen O'Hara, Peter Corcoran, Dermot Nugent, Kathleen Delaney.

Box of Biscuits: Jan Maher, Richard Murphy, Trevor Shee-

han, Nora Hartnett.

Box of Chocs: Peter Henley, Nora McCarthy, Richie Nugent, Eilish O'Mahoney

RECORD CROWDS FOR SANTA

Santa drew a record number of kids to the Tallow Community Centre on Saturday last. It proved to be a great day for our younger boys and girls. The local National School choir under Principal Billy Sheehan and his teachers gave a terrific performance of Christmas carols as Santa switched on the Christmas lights. To everyone who helped out on the day we say a big thank you. However boys and girls you have to be very good between now and Christmas and make sure Santa finds your house.

SPONSORS

We hope to announce shortly new sponsors of a variety of ways of supporting the club. Oh and if there are any other people out there willing to help the club then talk to any of our committee members where a warm welcome awaits you.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Thomas and Bridie Cunningham, Tallowbridge who celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday of last week. Well done folks.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

To Alice Tobin who celebrated her birthday last week. Not forgetting young Bernard Pratt who also celebrated his birthday last weekend.

SYMPATHY

To the McDonnell family, Tallow and Currareigh on the sad passing of Monsignor McDonnell in Liverpool. May he rest in peace.

THE BEST IS GONE

The greatest football legend ever, George Best, was laid to rest in his native Belfast on Saturday last. Inside the great hall one could not but be moved by the occasion. Perhaps one banner said it all - Maradona Good, Pele Better, George The Best. May he rest in peace.

GREAT DANCERS

The birthday party were in great form on Saturday night and their moves were only out of this world. Right Bernard.

INJURIES

The club has been plagued with injuries over the last few weeks with players like Ian Farmer, Michael Norris, Stephen Norris, Stephen Power, Kieran Geary, and Luke McCarthy all out injured. Get well soon lads as we need you.

PLAYER PROFILE

This week on our junior panel player profile we focus on the very popular Flor O Gorman. Florrie is a committed clubman who has given outstanding service to Tallow GAA over the years. He's what you call "a stand up guy" - "a straight shooter". If you were coming out of the trenches you would be sure Florrie would be right beside you. I come in for a bit of stick in his profile but I want to assure him it won't jeopardise his selection chances.



Name: Flor O Gorman. **Age:** On Application.

Occupation: Agricultural Engineer.

Biggest Influence on Career: Ned Power

Favourite Food: Pasta

Other Interests: Soccer, football. Fine wines.

Sporting Ambition: To win a County Medal.

Personal Ambition: Climb Everest, Win the Lotto.

Favourite Actress: Jennifer Lopez

Favourite Music: A bit of everything.

What bugs you? When junior hurling manager puts you on and takes you off again!

Who would you most like to meet? George W Bush -to give him a slap across the back of the head and tell him cop on. (I don't think George W would last the hour in corner forward on Florrie)

Stranded on a desert island with whom? Jennifer Lopez

Favourite TV show: CSI

Favourite Hurler at club and county level? Brian Henley and Ollie Canning.

Things you would change in hurling/club: Positive attitude.

Most difficult opponent: Timmy Kelleher (Erins Own).

Best country visited: Australia.

Who would you elect mayor of Tallow? Definitely not you (this PRO) or H. Dinny Cunningham

Greatest sporting memory: Munster final win over Cork.

If you won Lotto? Pay off debts, give some to charity, buy a new tractor, live off interest.

Horoscopes with Ali

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

For a more complete reading dial the 1550 number listed beside each star sign.



ARIES
Mar 21 to April 20
At work and at play, be seen to be fair. Someone is watching and keeping score. A loved one has something to prove to you but may go about it the wrong way. Try to see the intention behind the action before you react. Recognise that we all have different priorities and sometimes it is difficult to reach a happy compromise. ☎ 1550-920-257

TAURUS
April 21 to May 21
At home, someone is waiting to hear of your plans and feeling left out in the cold. Do what you can to include and be more communicative. You cannot have your cake and eat it too. Decide what you want in love and remain committed to your ideal. A far away amour craves closeness but is waiting for a sign. Someone is in love with you. ☎ 1550-920-258

GEMINI
May 22 to June 21
Professionally, you have turned an important corner. You are no longer prepared to tow the line, if it doesn't suit. You have difficulty putting into words those deep emotions that you find so overwhelming. Take an opportunity during this week to say what you really feel. Someone special needs to know. In love, stop planning and start doing. ☎ 1550-920-259

CANCER
Jun 22 to July 22
Financially, you need to take stock particularly in light of long term ambitions. Save now or you won't be able to pay the ferry-man. You have a big heart and are not beyond wearing it on your sleeve. Someone has got the message but is slow to respond. Sometimes things take time. Take circumstances into consideration and avoid personalising all issues. ☎ 1550-920-260

LEO
July 23 to Aug 22
A family member is not beyond help but at the moment, beyond advice. Stop wasting your breath and be practical. Deep feelings rise to the surface and catch you by surprise. You can no longer ignore the personal aspect of life and love must be given priority. A chance meeting has the potential to be so much more. It is up to you. ☎ 1550-920-261

VIRGO
Aug 23 to Sept 22
Usually so practical, in love you are prepared to dream. Someone shares a vision with you, proving a strong compatibility. Home life is happy but not where your heart is. Escape to a romantic haunt with a perfect partner. Professionally, stop trying to please. You do a good job and should be proud of your efforts. Others are impressed. ☎ 1550-920-262

LIBRA
Sep 23 to Oct 23
Romance means a break from the everyday and a reminder of what your love truly means. Create a magic moment and share it with someone special. There is nothing missing from your kissing and you and your lover are shooting for the stars. Financially, you are now paying for old crimes and there is nothing to be done but to remain disciplined. ☎ 1550-920-263

SCORPIO
Oct 24 to Nov 21
This is a week to get down to business especially if you need to make more money! You have no time to waste. In love, build up the excitement and keep your lover guessing. Anticipation is nine-tenths of sextasy. Luxury enhances romance. Pamper yourself and your partner and enjoy the best of everything. Read between the lines of a heartfelt note. ☎ 1550-920-264

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22 to Dec 23
These are exciting times and you are none too sure what the future holds. Is someone cool with you? The right words can bridge the gap. Seduction doesn't stop when a relationship starts. Make seduction part of your love life with a perfect partner. In work, someone is trying to get the best of you but despite all those efforts, is unlikely to succeed. ☎ 1550-920-265

CAPRICORN
Dec 24 to Jan 20
Get out of that rut and find something new. All you need is a little imagination and new vistas will open up before you. A lover finds you impossible to resist. All you have to do is call. In romance, stop holding back. In work, stop trying to solve the problem's of others and concentrate on what you need to do. ☎ 1550-920-266

AQUARIUS
Jan 21 to Feb 19
There is a right time for everything. Check your schedule and make time for romance otherwise you will not only disappoint a perfect partner but also yourself. Someone is listening to your every word. Be careful what you say and say what you mean. At home, someone needs your support but is slow to ask. See what you can do. ☎ 1550-920-267

PISCES
Feb 20 to March 20
Give flight to your ingenuity and you will quickly discover something that you haven't tried before. You are tired of the tried and tested and ready to explore new territory. Luckily, you are to have a loving guide on your exciting journey. When you catch someone out on a white lie try not to see red but to understand the circumstance. Empathise. ☎ 1550-920-268

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Dungarvan Leader - This Week In The Garden

Green-fingered Christmas Gifts

IF you're struggling for ideas for last-minute Christmas gifts don't forget plants and garden tools. While many dedicated gardeners may be out digging at this time of year, many would appreciate a splash of colour indoors or ideas that point to warmer weather ahead. Seasonal flowers such as the stunningly colourful polyanthus and primrose varieties can brighten up any house and later be transferred to the garden to add a rainbow splash for spring. Or if you want to introduce someone to gardening, garden centres are full of ideas. Suttons Seeds are celebrating the 200th anniversary next year, and have come up with a range of new plants to celebrate the event, and what could be more thoughtful, or cost effective, than providing little packets of seeds that will provide enjoyment for a large part of next year. For the gardeners who like to grow for the table there is even a special birthday bean called Celebration, which has been selected as Suttons vegetable of the year. Over 30 years ago the firm bred the first salmon flowered Runner Bean and Sunset, and this is one of Celebration's parents. The new bean is the result of development and improvements that retains the highly ornamental salmon-pink flowers, but unlike its parent, Celebration produces an early crop of stringless beans with good yields of long smooth pods. Like all Runner Beans, it has a high vitamin C content and crops from mid-July to early October.

Another packet which should delight any gardener is the new Tomato F1 Fantasio, which Suttons claim has great Tomato (Potato) Blight resistance. The firm claim it has even withstood blight in a field surrounded by other infected varieties. Its excellent disease resistance properties do not effect the tasty flavour of the medium sized fruits, that crop early in a cold greenhouse, outside or even on a sunny patio. There is even a new poppy to fall in love with this year too. Love Affair has a delightful picotee flowers in romantic shades of pink, coral, salmon rose and white. The mix contains both single and semi-double flowers, produced over a long period, making them perfect for planting in drifts in borders. An easy to grow annual Poppy - simply sow direct where you want the plants to grow from March to May for flowers from June to September. The flowers are also fantastic for cutting and dipping the stems in boiling water will prolong cut flower displays. If you are looking to give something a little different, what about seeds that will provide a lot of pleasure throughout the summer providing a magnificent hanging basket display. Nasturtium Dayglow trails just long enough for bright baskets bursting full of attractive foliage and flowers in bold reds, oranges and yellows. But unlike most Nasturtiums which would trail too long from hanging baskets, becoming almost straggly, the new mix never lose the sought-after round basket shape. Using Nasturtiums in hanging baskets is still quite a novel idea, with many gardeners overlooking

them as basket items what could be easier than sowing a few Dayglow seeds direct into baskets for a summer long display? You can also add a few seeds when planting to hanging basket tomatoes to add extra colour to a truly edible display. Dayglow can also be used for ground cover on dry banks, thanks to its tightly formed yet vigorous foliage.



Christmas colour: Polyanthus are ideal

THIS WEEK IN THE GARDEN

Start taking chrysanthemum cuttings
Some enthusiastic gardeners will take their cuttings a lot earlier than this, but now is the time for amateur gardeners to start taking cuttings from their chrysanthemum plants. Start on those varieties that are grown for second crown buds and particularly on November in curves and singles. The best shoots to cut are ones that rise directly from the soil from the root below. These should be severed just below soil level when they are a couple of inches or so in length. Cut off all the lower with a very sharp knife and trim off the base cleanly just below a joint. Then place them half an inch deep in sandy soil. It does not matter whether they are in boxes, pots, or directly in a bed made up on the staging in the greenhouse so long as there is ample drainage. Regular watering is necessary and they need enough heat in a greenhouse to protect them from winter frosts. They can be sprayed every morning with tepid water.

Continue to force seakale and rhubarb
At intervals of about two weeks, bring some roots of rhubarb and seakale into the greenhouse where you can force them.

Lift and blanch chicory
Further roots should be lifted and treated by packing them close in soil and putting them in a warm and dark place.

Keep protecting cauliflower
Continue to bend down leaves over the curds of the cauliflower to help protect it from some of the harsher weather.

Plant deciduous trees, shrubs and hedging
Start planting bare-rooted deciduous trees, shrubs and hedging and continue planting conifers. If the soil is frozen or waterlogged, heel them in.

**SUCKLER COWS****Condition Score Should Fix Level of Suckler Cow Feeding**

Body condition scoring can be used as a simple and reliable guide to feeding the suckler cow. Where guideline condition scores are maintained there should be few if any nutritional problems with the possible exception of mineral deficiencies. Good nutrition is a major factor in maintaining herd fertility and reducing disease risk.

Body condition is assessed on a score of 1 to 5. Condition score 1 are cows that are very thin, while 5 are ones that are grossly overfat. In practice, the individual scores, especially around the medium range, are divided into fractions of scores to further describe the level of body condition. The scoring system is based on handling two areas of the cow to assess the level of condition. These are the loin area (i.e. between the hip bone and the last rib) and the area between the pin bones and tailhead. The cover over the loin area is the major area for condition scoring, but once cows go above condition score 3, the bones around the loin area can no longer be easily felt and the amount of fat cover around the tailhead gives a better indication of body condition. The following is a short guide to condition scoring.

Score 1: The individual loin bones (spinous processes) are sharp to touch with only the skin appearing to cover the bones.

Score 2: The loin bones can be easily identified individually, feel rounded rather than sharp with a cover of flesh on the bones.

Score 3: The loin bones can only be felt with firm pressure and there is some cover on either side of the tailhead.

Score 4: The loin bones cannot be felt and slight mounds of fat can be distinguished around the tailhead.

Score 5: The bone structure of the cow is no longer noticeable and the tailhead is buried in fatty tissue.

Implications

Several trials conducted by Sreenan and Diskin at Athenry have shown that cows that are excessively thin at calving take longer to come into heat after calving. Cows below condition score 2.0 at calving take about 3 weeks longer to first heat than those at condition score 2.5. This has implications for calving interval and herd fertility. Early spring calvers need to be in better condition at calving than the late spring calvers that will be on Spring grass at or near calving and are unlikely to lose weight between calving and mating.

Excessive weight loss after calving is likely to delay onset of first heat.

At weaning, there are advantages in having spring calvers at condition score 3.0 or higher. The body condition is built up cheaply on summer grass and some of this condition can be used to maintain the cow during the expensive winter feeding period. A fall in condition from 3.0 back to 2.5 over the winter can save the equivalent of 0.75 tonnes of silage per cow and will have no detrimental effects on subsequent performance. Spring calvers in good condition at this stage can be fed restricted amounts of good silage, poor silage to appetite or good straw supplemented with a small amount of meal. This is a critical period for the Autumn calvers. Body condition should be maintained until they are settled in calf. I will return to this topic next week to deal with feed requirements and feed allowances for suckler cows in the different stages of the production cycle.

DAIRYING**Silage Pit Management**

- Pit management greatly influences the "freshness" of silage.
- Remember air rots silage, so, you must manage the pit face to minimise air penetration.
- Use a shear grab or saw to cut down or remove silage from the face.
- Only disturb small areas of the pit at each feeding
- Do not leave layers of tossed silage exposed to the air.
- Prevent water running down the face of the silage pit by rolling back the polythene.
- But weigh down this polythene tightly on top and at the sides.
- Too many farmers pull down the polythene over the face of the pit.
- This is wrong, as it causes the glass-house effect, results in quicker rotting and fungal growth
- Nothing could be worse for silage intake.
- Thousands of pounds are lost each year through poor pit management.
- Silage DMD (digestibility) is better this year and therefore animals will eat more of it each day:
- Therefore, it will go faster.
- At the end of December, approximately, three-fifths of your silage should be left in the pit.
- If not you will be short of silage.

The message is keep a check on the amount of silage in your silage pit.

Lameness very costly

- Each case of lameness in cows is estimated to cost €300 - €700.
- During housing, animals will go for long periods before being detected.
- Have you a routine to walk through your cows, weanlings and big cattle?
- Should be done every few days but at least once per week.
- Get the Farm Relief Service to do a routine examination of the whole herd now.
- At €3 per cow it is good value for money.
- Footbath your cows:
- Either once per week (am and pm) or on 3 consecutive days once per month.
- Bluestone (4 Kgs per 100 litres of water) or formalin (3-5 litres/100 litres water) in a 16 ft long, 10cms deep walk through bath.

**FARMING LEADER****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD**

Waterford Farmers to Receive €28.9m Payments Under Single Payment Scheme

Farmers in Waterford will this week receive €28.9m in payments under the Single Payments Scheme. The Minister for Agriculture and Food, Mary Coughlan T.D., has announced that her Department will issue payments this week to over 1,900 farmers which represents 78% of all applicants under the scheme in Waterford. She said that following almost two years of planning and preparation, her Department will issue in

excess of €970 million to some 110,000 farmers nationwide, representing almost 85% of all applicants. The Minister said that payments would continue over the coming weeks as more cases are cleared. The total amount paid to farmers under the direct payment schemes since 1 January 2005 (including the 2005 Area Based Compensatory Allowance Scheme) now stands at just over €1.8 billion. Under EU regulations the first

date for payments under the scheme is 1 December.

"I am delighted that we were able to meet the challenge involved in getting the new scheme in place and am particularly pleased that so many farmers will be paid on 1 December," said the Minister. "This represents the culmination of almost two years of work within my Department's Direct Payment and IT Units. The enormity of the task should

not be underestimated particularly in this, the first year of implementation of a completely new system and in a year where payments under the existing schemes had also to be made".

Minister Coughlan said that Irish farmers had shown great initiative in embracing the full decoupling of the Livestock and Arable Premia Schemes. The Minister said that these payments mark the commencement of a new era for Irish agriculture and will allow farmers to concentrate on producing what the market demands.

I.F.A. SKILLNET SERVICES TO EXPAND

Following the decision by Skillnets to fund the very successful IFA Skillnet training programmes for another two years, the IFA are set to expand its initiative to provide practical and timely training and development courses for farm groups countrywide.

Since its launch almost 3 years ago, IFA Skillnet has provided access to timely and professional training to almost 4,000 IFA members and over the next two years this number is set to double.

IFA Skillnet focuses on the delivery of innovative, practical and relevant training initiatives to its members. This is achieved through a consultation process, whereby network members have a direct input into the type of training provided. This process ensures that the training is targeted and has a positive impact on the participants involved.

Numbers participating in IFA Skillnet are rising continually as members see the benefits of courses such as Business Management, Investment and Leadership training. David Hannon, Navan Discussion Group described the recent Investment training for his group as 'absolutely brilliant and a breath of fresh air'.

IFA Skillnet aims to build on the successful and timely conferences delivered since its launch which includes 'Milk Production Partnerships' and 'The Single Farm Payment & Decoupling'. The most recent conferences on the topics of 'Renewable Energy - Opportunities for Biofuel Crops' and 'Maximising the Income from What You Have' were well received and attended by over 600 people.

For more information on IFA Skillnet and upcoming training courses and networking events, contact Niamh Lenehan at 01 4500 266 or email HYPERLINK "mailto:skillnet@ifai.ie" skillnet@ifai.ie



Pictured at Glanbia House in Kilkenny at the Glanbia quality milk awards 2005 was the Castlelyons Waterford Area winner John and Anne Hurley Ballyneety Dungarvan. Pictured (from left) was Glanbia Milk Advisor Pat Nugent, John Moloney Group Managing Director, Glanbia PLC, John and Anne Hurley and Liam Herlihy Vice Chairman Glanbia PLC. —(Picture: Dylan Vaughan).

BUDGET FAILS TO ADDRESS FARM COMPETITIVENESS —IFA

Waterford IFA Chairman Harry Gray has stated that the Budget fails to address farm competitiveness and he criticised the Government for not putting in place effective measures to allow farmers build the productive capacity they need to compete.

Mr. Harry Gray said "the Government's failure to address farm consolidation as the key farm tax issue will prevent farmers from developing the scale they need to produce on a European and world stage, particularly in the context of the damaging policy changes from WTO concessions."

Mr. Gray was highly critical of the absence of any farm reinvestment relief to allow farmers build scale and reduce the number of separate land parcels in farm holdings.

The Waterford IFA Chairman also said that the continued taxing of CPO compensation was oppressive and denied farmers the full open market value of their land that they are entitled to.

Mr. Gray welcomed the support for the fledgling biofuel

sector in Ireland with reduced excise duties. He said that bio-fuel production holds out the prospect of a reasonable commercial alternative from mainstream farm enterprises.

The Waterford IFA Chairman also criticised the lack of an increase in the VAT refund to non-Vat registered farmers. He said that an increase in the 4.8% VAT refund rate is warranted due to falling farm output prices and increasing input costs.

Mr. Gray said that the €220 increase in the employee tax credit to almost €1,500 euros

per PAYE worker embeds unnecessary sectoral discrimination within the income tax code and should be extended to all taxpayers.

He welcomed the renewal of Stamp Duty Reliefs for Young Trained Farmers and proposed amendments to the Capital Gains Tax and Gift and Inheritance Tax Codes to accommodate the new EU Single Farm Payment Entitlements. However, he said that further changes are required to limit excessive tax charges on transfer of Entitlements.

IFA MEETS MINISTER COUGHLAN ON EU RESTRUCTURING AID FOR BEET GROWERS

IFA President John Dillon led a delegation of beet growers that met Agriculture Minister Mary Coughlan this morning to discuss the €145m restructuring aid that is part of the EU sugar reform package. Mr Dillon said he had reiterated his view that the money cannot go to Greencore and must compensate growers for the loss of their livelihoods.

"I stressed to the Minister that this issue must be resolved with immediate effect. Growers who have invested in quota, land and machinery are not going to allow Greencore walk away with 90% of the compensation fund."

STRADBALLY NOTES

Penitential Services

In preparation for Christmas there will be penitential services in Faha, Ballylaneen and Stradbally during the weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday 17th/18th December. It is an opportunity for everyone to be reconciled in time for celebrating the birth of Christ, Prince of Peace, who came to reconcile humankind with God and to give great meaning to life on earth.

Nativity Play

All the hard work by teachers and the boys and girls from the primary schools in Stradbally should come to fruition in Holy Cross Church, Stradbally, next Sunday 18th December at 5.30 p.m. The Nativity Play, organised by Fr. Martin Keogh with the cooperation of all who are taking part should be worth a visit and a large gathering is expected to lend support to the children. Refreshments will be available afterwards thanks to the Parents Council members. This is a well-deserved tribute to all concerned. The play will be recorded on video for the schools in Poland, Spain and Northern Ireland who are linked with Scoil na Croise Naofa, so it will be a historic occasion. The general public are also welcome not just those who have children taking part.

First Communion

A word of thanks to the parents of the girls who will be making their first Holy Communion next May, for their enthusiastic involvement in preparing the Mass. This marked the first of a number of similar occasions in the new approach now being adopted by many parishes. Next time it will be the turn of the parents from the busy school to organise the Mass which takes place on Sunday 29th January. It is important to point out that all parents and all the boys and girls attend all the Masses of preparation.

Christmas Services

The arrangements for Christmas in all these churches are as follows:
 On Christmas Eve there will be Mass in Faha at 7 p.m., Stradbally 8 p.m. and Ballylaneen 9 p.m.
 On Christmas Day there will be Mass in Faha at 9 a.m., in Stradbally at 10 p.m. and in Ballylaneen at 11 a.m.
 This gives plenty of options to everyone to attend one of the Masses to celebrate the great event which took place in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago.

Service At St. James

On Christmas Day there will be a Service at Rossmire Church of Ireland, Kilmacthomas which

will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at 9.45 a.m. and in St. James Church of Ireland, Stradbally at 11 a.m.

Crib

It is hoped to have an outdoor crib in the village this Christmas but the exact location has yet to be decided. The cribs will also be in all three churches.

Missing

Has anyone seen "Fluffy," a large tiger cat with a white bib and bushy tail. Fluffy has been missing from home close to Stradbally village for the past two weeks. Her very sad owner asks to give him a call if she has called to you. Please phone 051 293349 or 051 293368.

Local Business Man

Great to see Cathal Quinlan of Island, Stradbally making news in the latest edition of Business Waterford. Cathal is Assistant Manager of the Client Derivatives in Goldman Sachs. He is himself a WIT graduate – he holds a Bachelor of Business Studies, specialising in economics and finance. Cathal is son of Martina and Mary Quinlan, Island, Stradbally.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Paddy and Nellie Casey would like to thank all who helped them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 29th. Thanks also to Nellie's nephew, Fr. Terence O'Brien, who said Mass in Faha on the night and thanks to Fr. Enright for assisting and for all his help in other ways and to the GAA for the use of the hall.

A special thank you for all the presents and cards and a special thank you to all the family for laying on the celebration.

Stradbally Tourism and Enterprise Group

We welcome Charlie Crowley and Kevin Cunningham who joined the committee, at our AGM on Monday 5th last, and thank-u to Brian Corry and Paul Walsh who have stood down after a number of years. It is only right that we recognise their contribution to Stradbally and the part they played in high lighting the sewage problem in the cove, both Paul and Brian put their name to proceedings that went to the European court. Also, with others, they played an important part to have the plans for a land fill site and a piggery at Rathnaskilloge removed. In December 1999, Brian chaired our environment committee, who with Waterford County Council launched the opening of the bottle bank in the Holy Cross car park. Brian will continue his involvement in collecting local history, photos etc.

The meeting welcomed the work "Visi Net" where putting into promoting rural tourism, the reaction to "The Source of Family History" is very positive from the locals as well as the tourists.

Award

After the AGM a presentation was made by Chairperson Breda Kiely to Mrs Maureen Power retired N.T from Stradbally Girls Primary School. In

October 1986 the Principal and last teaching Sister in the Stradbally Convent Primary School, Sr Angela Keating died suddenly, the following February brought the news that it would no longer be a Mercy School. Mrs Maureen Power, who had served for many years in the school was duly appointed its new Principal. The Mercy Nuns built the Convent School and taught the children of Stradbally for over 100 years. Maureen Power was the first lay teacher to be principal of the school.

Barron Hall

The Barron Hall, a listed building is an asset to the area which needs extensive repairs. A number of people have been meeting over the last few months with a view to restoring the Barron Hall and looking at some of the uses it might have for the community. As of now the Schools, Girl Guides, and The Brownies have shown an interest to use, and continue using the facility. The registration of the property needs to be looked at so that the generous grants from the Heritage Council can be sought. If you or your organisation have any interest in this hall, or of any use it might be put to, please attend an open meeting on Monday night 19th in Barron at 8 pm. All welcome.

Bonmahon Notes

NEWS FROM HAYSES

Congratulations to last weeks Texas Holdem winners Conor Coffey and Edmund Fitzgerald. Last weeks dart winners were Carol and Martin. Congratulations to Paula and Eddie McCarthy who were last weeks bonus lotto winners. Set dancing will take place on Wednesday. Darts will take place for hams on the 16th December. Texas Holdem Christmas final will take place on Tuesday 20th December starting at 7.30 pm sharp. Best wishes to Adele and Allen on their big day.

CHOIR

Last Saturday the congregation in Saleen Church had the pleasure of hearing the Waterford Male Choir who sang during the 7.30 pm Mass. When Mass was over they sang a medley of Christmas songs which were thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Afterwards the choir was served light refreshments by some of the local ladies. The visit was organised by Mahon Valley A.M.P.S. and was funded by Waterford County Council Arts Officer.

ST. MARY'S

Best wishes to St. Mary's under 16 team who will play Dunhill in the final next weekend. Good luck lads.

ST. ANNE'S

Christmas raffle cards are now in circulation, with some great prizes as in a hamper, wine, whiskey, watches and much much more. Please try and support the ladies football and camogie club as they use this raffle to fund the club. The draw will take place on 20th December.

Abbeyside Scouts Notes

CUB MEETING

The cub meeting got underway at the usual time of seven o'clock. First on the agenda was the practising of the reef knot. All of the cubs had taken a length of rope home with them following last weeks meeting and the effort they put into learning at home was obvious for all to see. One has often heard of the saying: "I could do that with my eyes closed."

In the case of the cubs it certainly was true as everyone could in fact tie the knot with their eyes closed: such talent! After being examined in this knot a much more difficult one known as the Bowline or as it is sometimes called the King of knots was learned although this proved much more difficult to master than the previous one. After all this learning it was time to let off some steam. An excellent game of scout hand ball was played and all concerned needed quick reactions to play this game. The end of the meeting came all too soon as the leaders made some announcements. The first thing that was spoken of was cub uniform and how smart everyone was looking in their uniform.

There are still some cubs who need to acquire uniform and hopefully parents will oblige in the New York. Each cub was given a note going home with regard to the meeting to be held this Saturday 17th. This meeting will be held in the Dungarvan Sports Centre from five o'clock until seven.

SCOUTS

The scout meeting began with some notices about our cabin in the glen and also some badges that the scout leader will be getting in the near future. Former scout Martin Whelan has come up with two great designs. One is a troop badge which can be worn on the uniform; the other is a souvenir badge for those who have camped in the glen. A lot of work has gone into designing and producing these badges and we say thanks to Martin for his time and efforts.

Next on the agenda was uniform inspection. As subs were being collected the scout leader went from patrol to patrol inspecting uniform and explaining to patrol members as well as leaders Eamonn and Michael what is acceptable in this regard. If Santa doesn't bring some of the scouts uniforms bits and pieces perhaps their parents might! Each of the five patrols were also busy filling in sheets with names, addresses, mobile numbers as well as e-mail addresses. These sheets were supplied by P/L Cearbhall. Not only will these be invaluable to the leaders in the troop but also next month their value will be seen when the annual census/registration returns will have to be made to headquarters for the year 2006. Registration for next year for cubs and scouts will be at least 35 euro for the year. Once all of the above mentioned was sorted out it was time for some games to round off the meeting.

The meeting finished a little after nine. Following the ending of the meeting as announced last week, the leaders stayed in the den for a further half an hour to facilitate any scout who wished to be examined in test work. A/P/L Cormac O'Mahoney who had been studying for his scuba divers merit badge was examined by Brendan. One or two of the scouts were given information on various badges but it can be said that the test work in general got off to a slow start. This coming Saturday the scout meeting will be held in the Sports Centre in Quanns from 5 o'clock until 7. Neckerchiefs should be worn on this occasion and definitely runners not shoes.

NEWS

Following the success of our celebrations for the 75th anniversary a number of people expressed interest in the idea of a scout social. At a recent unit council meeting the idea was again put forward by interested parties and now it has taken off. The idea is as follows: a social night including a meal and a dance followed by a disco will be held locally in early March! A hotel has been booked and a price agreed on.

At the moment if you have any queries regarding this night please contact Paddy Murray or John O'Donnell. More details will be given in next weeks notes! The fun continues.

Abbeyside Reference Archive

A GEM

Back awhile ago a man came into the Parish Office and gave us a treasure of a book for our maritime section.

On the weekend when we had the scout exhibition something similar happened when a man pulled a poem out of his pocket and asked us were we interested in local poems. The poem he gave us was Kiely's Bar and was just ideal for an Abbeyside Archive. It was composed by Joseph Kiely in the mid-'80's and runs to 17 verses, all with a very local flavour.

The poem has just been published in the Christmas edition of the Parish News and so will reach a much larger audience.

We will be just delighted to find a permanent home for this gem of a poem at our poetry corner where it will join many other local poems.

This Sunday evening Eddie Cantwell will be at the Parish Office minding our Poetry Corner and all the other treasures and gems.

Nótaí na Gaeltachta

Amhránaithe na nDéise

Aoine an 16 Nollaig - Caint faoi amhránaithe an tSeán Phobail agus na Rinne ag Aine Uí Fhoghlú i Meánscoil San Nioclás sa Rinn ag 8 PM. Tabharfaidh Aine blas den ábhar mar a seinnfidh sí cuid de na hamhráin maraon le cur síos agus plé a dhéanamh ar chuid acu. Cuirfeair aistriúcháin combhuaineach Gaeilge/Béarla ar fáil ar an oíche. Beidh oíche amhránaíochta i dTigh Uí Mhaonaigh i ndiaidh na léachta. Tá an imeacht seo mar chuid den togra Dúthaigh Geal Déise.

Coiste na dtuismitheoirí - Scoil Náisiúnta na Rinne

17 Nollaig - Beidh málaí siopadóireachta á phaicéal ar son Scoil Náisiúnta na Rinne i nDunnes Stores in Ionad Siopadóireachta Dhún Garbhán ar an Satharn 17 Nollaig ó 11 AM go 7 PM. Bá mhór leis an scoil bhúr dtacaíocht ar an lá.

Bailitheoirí Suirbhé

Tá bailitheoirí fíorg ag Comhlacht Forbartha na nDéise chun suirbhéanna a scaipeadh ar theaghlaigh Ghaeltacht na nDéise. Tá a thuilleas na faoi na deiseanna seo le fáil sna fógraí foistíochta sa mhéid seo.

Life Boat / Bád Tarrthála Heilbhic

Tá cártaí na Nollag ar son an Lifeboat i Heilbhic ar díol sna siopaí áitiúla agus san ionad siopadóireachta i nDún Garbhán.

Taisteal Tuaithe

Bíonn an tseirbhís "Taisteal Tuaithe" ar fáil gach tráthnóna Aoinne do mhuintir na Rinne agus an tSeán Phobail go dteastaíonn uatha triall ar Dhún Garbhán. Nil aon táille ar dhaoine go bhfuil saor phas taistil acu. Is féidir suíochán a chur san áireamh ach glaoch ar an uimhir (058) 20845.

Cártaí

Bíonn cártaí á n-imirt i Halla Pobail na Rinne gach Luan ag 8.00 PM.

Aifreann na Nollaig

22 Nollaig - Dráma na Nollaig
 24 Nollaig - Aifreann sa Sean Phobal ag 7 i.n. agus sa Rinn ag 9 i.n.
 25 Nollaig - Aifreann sa Sean Phobal ag 10 i.n. agus sa Rinn ag 11.30 r.n.

1 Eanáir - Beannú na mbád tar éis Aifrinn ag 11.30 i.n.

Eolas Teagmhála

Má tá aon eolas nó fógra go dteastaíonn uait foilsiú is féidir é a seoladh ar ríomh phost go mfgdeise@eircom.net. nó cur glaoch ar Loreán ar (087)9107861 nó (058)46300.

ST. DECLAN'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE NOTES

Senior Ladies Football

On Friday, 2nd December last, the Senior Ladies Football team had a convincing win over Stella Maris of Tramore. The final score in this match was 4-10 to 2-3. This was a great team performance and well done to all involved.

Panel: A. Kirwan, L. Fogarty, J. Kirwan, K. Power, K. Kirwan, K. Dunphy, L. Power, L. Kirwan, L.M. Grant, J. Kirwan, C. Halpin, K. O'Brien, C. Downey, A. Whelan, C. Kiely, D. Carroll and H. Keating.

Waterford Colleges U/14 Hurling St. Declan's Community College 3-4

Blackwater Community College, Lismore 5-8

In a contested first round match the physically stronger Lismore side ran out convincing winners. The game was played at the excellent Kilmacthomas Club Grounds. The home side withheld some strong early pressure only conceding 1 point before Jack Kirwan scored an excellent goal. Briany Dunbar added a point shortly afterwards. The Lismore side were to finish the half the stronger and added two goals late in the half. Half time score, St. Declan's 1-2, Lismore 2-4. The second half followed the pattern of the first with the Lismore side wearing down a resolute Kilmacthomas defence. Credit to the St. Declan's boys, they battled to the end and added two well taken goals to their tally. Best for St. Declan's on a day where everyone tried hard were Paul Keating, David Hallahan, Eoin Walsh, Liam Walsh, Shane Foran, Marcus Millea, Briany Dunbar, Blake O'Connor.

Panel: Paul Keating, Pat Cunningham, Richard Purcell, David Hallahan, Liam Walsh, Eoin Walsh, Blake O'Connor, Liam Walsh, Shane Foran (1-2), Sean McCormack, Marcus Millea, Conor Byrne, Conor Morrissey, Jack Kirwan (1-0) and Briany Dunbar (1-2).

Maths Olympiad

Well done to Jane Walsh, Knockyalen Road, Leamybrien, Kilmacthomas on being invited to take part in a series of lectures on Mathematics in U.C.C. The aim of the lectures being to prepare a national team to take part in an International Mathematics Olympiad. Jane's selection was based on her exceptional performance in her Junior Certificate Mathematics. Well done to Jane and her teacher Mr. Swaby.

Parent-Teacher Meeting

We held our first Parent/Teacher Meeting of the year last week and there was an excellent turn out of the parents of Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate students. The next Parent-Teacher Meeting will be for 1st and 2nd year students and it will take place on Monday 9th January, 2006. Thanks to Claire Halpin and Kate Hayes who provided refreshments on the day.

Christmas Exams

These will take place on Monday 19th, Tuesday, 20th and Wednesday, 21st December for all students. The school will close for Christmas holidays on Thursday 22nd December at 11:00am.

Christmas Tree

Once again this year our school has a festive appearance thanks to the work of Ms. Doyle and Transition Year students Shane Aherne, Tomas Casey, Laura Brophy and Stephanie Cowman who put up and decorated the Christmas Tree.

Terry Fox Run

Once again, our Transition Year students worked very hard to collect funds for Cancer Research. A total of €3673.75 was collected.

Many thanks to those who took sponsorship cards, those who stood outside our local supermarkets for the flag days and all who participated in the run. A special 'thank you' to the communities in our school catchment area who so generously contributed to our sponsorship cards.

This year a first year class, IT also took sponsorship cards and their efforts are well recognised.

We will be back next year and we know we can count on your support again.

HOCKEY

Seniors advance to South East semi-final

Our seniors had a great victory last Tuesday in the second round of the South East Cup. A very competitive match played by two very even sides resulted in extra time and penalties. St. Declan's coming out on top 4-2 to Abbey C.C. The first half both sides sharing the play but St. Declan's seemed fitter and sharper in the second half. Aoife Kirwan and Joyce Lawlor were excellent in defence while Lisa Power had yet another outstanding game. Caoimhe Downey and Sharon Casey attacked from midfield distributing plenty ball up front to Jenny Kirwan and Nathalie O'Connell. Abbey crowded the circle with defenders not giving us any opportunity to shoot. Two good teams evenly contested - well done to all. Special mention must go to goalkeeper Deirdre Mackey who kindly stood in the goal as our usual keeper Niamh Mooney got the flu while representing South-East in Belfast last weekend. Deirdre had four saves throughout the match and saved 4 out of 5 penalties.

Panel: D. Mackey, J. Lawlor, L. Power, A. Kirwan, K. Power, C. Downey, S. Casey, K. Hayes, C. Halpin, J. Kirwan, N. O'Connell, G. Hayes, A. O'Connell.

Blackwater Community School News

Under 14 Schools Hurling

Blackwater Community School 5.8 St Declan's Kilmacthomas 3.4.

We played Kilmacthomas last Tuesday in the Waterford Colleges U14 quarter final. Both sides started very well with some good passages of hurling. We had plenty of possession in the opening twenty minutes but failed to convert our chances, and the score was 1.2 to 0.5 after this period, with most of the scores coming from the sharp Ballyduff man, Eoin Scanlon. Suddenly though we banged in two goals thanks to Brian Crotty and Aaron Pratt and held a 7 point lead at the interval. The highlight of the half was the majestic play of Darragh Fives in the pivotal centre half back position. We continued our dominance in the 2nd half thanks to the improved play of Pdraig Prendergast and Tom O'Brien and the endless work of Conor Tinnelly. We never seemed in danger but still we never really closed out the game either until a late goal from Jamie Glavin sealed the win.

Final Score Blackwater 5.8 Kilmacthomas 3.4.

All in all, it was a good performance but we will need to improve for the semi-final, which I'm sure the lads are very capable of doing.

SCHOOLS BADMINTON COMPETITION

BCS take u19 and u16 div 1 Titles

Well done to the girl's u19 team and boy's u16 team who qualified for the Munster Badminton finals to be played in UL in the New Year. The u19 team consisted of Tanya Morrissey, Gemma Tobin, Edel Ormonde and Sharon Maloney. The boy's u16 consisted of Shane O'Rourke, David Cahill, Ivan Cliffe and Donnacha Mulcahy. 11 teams in total represented the school and all did the school and themselves proud. Our boys u19 finished as runners up to a very strong De la Salle team and we also took runner up positions in the girls u19, girls u16 and girls u14. Well done to all.

Junior Ladies Football

Hard luck to our ladies junior team who put in a brave performance against Templemore in the junior ladies semi final recently. The girls were in front at half time and were going well. However late in the game the Templemore girls got a goal and so ended our hopes of progressing to the final. Once again Orla Hayes played superbly in goal helped out by an excellent back line and centre field duo. The forwards took all their chances and really a draw

would have been a fair result. Best for BCS on the day were Christina Toomey, Breda Feeney, Shauna Kiernan, Aine Condon and Caitriona McGlone. The shock on our faces when the final whistle went, highlighted how disappointed we were. We look forward though to next year's competition.

CHRISTMAS TABLE QUIZ

Just over 50 teams of four attended our Table Quiz last Wednesday night for senior classes in primary schools. It

was a very enjoyable night and all the students participated with great enthusiasm in the events for the night. Well done to the two teams from Whitechurch National School who came first and second on the night and congratulations to all who took part in the quiz and who helped make it a most memorable occasion. The winning team consisted of Brendan Phelan, Laurence Fennell, Jack Aherne and Fiona Shine and the runners up were Joseph Shine, David Power, Kealan Looby and Richard Looby.

ARD SCOIL NA nDEISE NEWS

Concern Debates

On Tuesday night, the Ard Scoil hosted the third set of debates with the topic "Teenagers of the West are indifferent to the plight of the developing world". Our students, Ciara Mulcahy, Aoife Power, Grace O'Donnell and Cliona Ashe proposed the motion which was opposed by pupils from Newtown School in Waterford. As usual the girls had thoroughly researched and prepared their topic with the help of teachers Ms. Pickering and Mrs. Lucey. The motion was carried and so the girls will go on to the next, knock-out stage of the competition after Christmas. Congratulations to one and all and especially to Ms. Pickering on her engagement!

Carol Service

It's Christmas time and as well as decorating the class rooms with tinsel etc., we are focusing on the real Christmas, as we have the Crib, the advent Wreath and Jesse Tree in the foyer. On Tuesday, the annual Carol Service will take place in the Parish Church when the school community will enjoy an opportunity to reflect on the spiritual side of Christmas and rejoice in its message through prayer and music. Religion and Music teachers are very busy with Fr. Paul Waldron preparing readings and musicians/singers for this very enjoyable occasion.

Bag-Packing

Thank you again to all the volunteers, students/staff/parents who helped man the Parents' Council Bag Packing in Dunnes last weekend. Thank you also to the management of the store who permitted this event which raised 2,665.00 for school funds.

Lions Club Sponsored Swim.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Jean O'Donovan will organise the annual sponsored swim in aid of the Lions Club Christmas appeal. More news next week.

Panto

This week saw Cinderella in full swing with packed houses every night. As usual the teachers added decorum to the occasion with their dignified rendering of "Amarillo!!" I will have a full account of the show and the performers next week.

History and Art Award

Congratulations to 3rd year student Emma Gleeson whose essay was highly commended at the recent Michael Cavanagh awards night in Cappoquin.

Well done also to Elaine Moore (Second year) whose poster won a prize in the recent Credit Union Art Competition.

T.Y. News

On Tuesday, the T.Y.'s had their Pre-Christmas Fair, where all the varied products they've made for their enterprise projects were on sale. All students had a chance to visit and buy some Christmas presents.

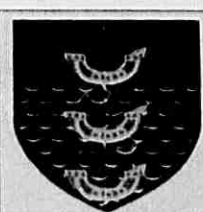
On Friday they went Bag-packing (again!) - this time in aid of the R.N.L.I.



Winners of Christmas Quiz - Back left Mrs B Taffe, Mrs A Fitzgerald, Mr D Ring, and Mrs M O'Brien; front: Brendan Phelan, Laurence Fennell, Jack Aherne and Fiona Shine



Runners up - Back left Mrs B Taffe, Mrs A Fitzgerald, Mr D Ring, and Mrs M O'Brien; front: Joseph Shine, David Power, Kealan Looby and Richard Looby.



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LISMORE'S DREAM IS OVER

ARDMORE INCREASE LEAD

AN GHAELTACT AND CLASHMORE DROP POINTS

Lismore's run in the FAI Junior Cup came to an abrupt end at home to Waterford Crystal last Sunday while in the premier league Ardmore have a firm grip on the title with five games to play. In the other divisions both An Ghaeltacht and Clashmore lost ground in pursuit of their divisional leaders.

Lismore 0 Waterford Crystal 3

The scoreline tells its own story as Lismore bowed out of this year's Statioil FAI Junior Cup when visitors Waterford Crystal proved much too strong for a home side that had a wonderful run to get this far, and create their own piece of history as the first WVEC team to have played in the open draw round.

At this stage of the competition (64 teams remaining) the best teams are normally always waiting, and so last year's beaten finalists were the opposition for Lismore. The name alone conjures up cup tradition, as

they won this competition in 1998, and they were not going to take Lismore for granted, especially with the results Lismore have had in the previous rounds. Straight from the kick off the visitors showed they meant business and as early as the 10th minute it took a great save by Cunningham to deny Wall what looked a certain goal. At this stage of play Crystal were playing a type of football that Lismore just were not used to. Crisp one two's and pin point passing that had Lismore's backs to the walls, and it was no surprise when they scored on 15 mins when a wonderful pass from Wall to an unmarked Grace who had no difficulty in finding the net. However 5 mins later Lismore had their best chance when a brilliant run from Kearney saw his cross from the end line on to the 6 yard box ballooned over the bar by Donnelly with the keeper stranded. A free kick by Tynan saw Cunningham beaten but the post saved Lis-

more and then Cunningham tipped a Wall effort over the bar for a very good save. However the game as a contest was over in the last minute of the first half when Wall passed to Tynan and he mesmerised the home defence before scoring the best goal of the game. 2 mins into the 2nd period our man of the match John Wall scored and after this the Waterford side played keep ball with Lismore having only one strike on goal and Cunningham kept busy at the other end right up to the final whistle.

So what of the analysis? It is too easy to be critical of the Lismore performance, as unfortunately they met one of the best junior sides in Ireland, a team totally committed and a team training three times a week with just one focus in mind. From goalkeeper Derek Aherne to no 11 Keith Sheridan they were totally on top and even the subs used caused as many problems as those players they replaced. Having

seen them play many times in this competition we knew they were a class team and this was so evident in all aspects of play.

What of Lismore? Great credit is due to everyone involved in getting this far in the competition, but on Sunday last they just had no answer to a team who in this scribe's experience was the best side to have played in Lismore, if not the best. When one looks at our match notes only Donnelly had a clear goal chance, after that Aherne in the Waterford goal was like ourselves a mere spectator. Thanks to Cunningham in goal and some bad misses by the visiting strikers especially in the final few minutes, the score could have been much worse.

What did Lismore learn? They will not meet a team of this class for the rest of the season and a team with the fitness levels required at this level, and that all players must track their markers, something that was missing last Sunday and when the opposition is as focused as Crystal were, then they must be met head on likewise.

Teams, Lismore—W Cunningham, A Roche, B Lander, Paul Quinn, S Ormonde, S Kearney, A Landers, N Donnelly, D Shanahan, D Howard, Pat Quinn. Subs used M Shanahan, S Quinn, O Bennett.

Crystal—D Aherne, M Casey, N Butler, W Hogan, P Wise, J Grace, M Tynan, S Reninan, J Wall, J Watson, K Sheridan. Subs used R Butler, J Halloran, N Coade.

Referee A Horgan, Assistants E Cusack and M Hartnett and all three are to be commended on their performance.

Ardmore 2 Gortroe 1

Ardmore by this victory took a step forward in claiming back the premier title from Lismore with this hard fought home victory over relegation strugglers Gortroe. A Jason Lenane goal had Ardmore in the lead at the break and early in the 2nd half Leonard Byrne converted a penalty for the visitors and this put pressure on Ardmore as they went in search of the winners which arrived in the final 20mins when Johnny Hennessy scored to give Ardmore the points and that step nearer the title.

Accrington Celtic 4 Cappelquin 2

Following this result Cappelquin remain rooted to the bottom of the table and Accrington move up the table. The visitors took the lead through Keith Landers. Brian Carey then scored twice to lead at the break. Cappelquin equalised shortly into the 2nd half only for Carey to score and complete his hat trick. Joe Cahill then scored a fourth for the Fermoyn based side and all three points.

Pinewood Rgs 1 An Ghaeltacht 0

Following this result Pinewood move up the table and An Ghaeltacht suffer a set back in their promotion prospects as they suffer their 2nd successive defeat. A Maurice O Gorman goal was enough to give the points to the Ballymac side and the visitors to think how to get back on track as they have now handed the initiative to Valley in their race for the title.

Castlebridge 6 Inch 1

An overdue win for the home side in this local derby. As a contest the game was over at the break as Castlebridge side

led by 4 goals to nil and ran out easy winners with Declan Galvin getting a consolation goal in the final minutes. Two goals from Declan Sexton, and one each from Slowek, D Murphy, M Linehan and B O Connell were the goal getters for the Castlelyons outfit.

Blackwater Rgs 1 Mogeely 4

A good win and result for the visitors and a result that keeps them in the promotion race, more especially with An Ghaeltacht losing to Pinewood. Mogeely took the lead through an og and Chris Motelibi increased the lead before David Cullinane reduced the arrears when he converted a penalty. In the 2nd half Alan Collins and J Mottelibi scored to give the visitors an easy victory and three valuable points.

Glen View 8 Castlebridge 0

The Melleray side had one of the biggest wins in their history when they proved much too strong against a hapless visiting Castlebridge outfit who by some bad defending contributed to the goals scored against them. Glen View now move up to midway in the table thanks to this win and had 4 goals from Kevin Power, 3 from John Broderick, and the other scored by Kevin O'Rourke.

Affane 2 Clashmore 2

According to the neutrals present this was a good game and favourites Clashmore lucky to come away with a draw, and a result which does not help their promotion hopes. Sean Fleming and Kevin Reddy exchanged converted spot kicks before Edmond Ledingham had the visitors in a half time lead. Fleming failed with another spot kick after the break and Clashmore were made to suffer this miss when Joe Flynn equalised for a share of the points.

PREVIEWS

ARDMORE V DUNGARVAN

This game will be played at the Ardmore venue on Saturday afternoon in The Munster Junior Cup and has captured the imagination of the league as it is a local derby between the current league leaders of the WVEC and a Dungarvan side fresh from their victory in Sligo last Sunday in the FAI Junior Cup. The old boro team will be favourites but will not take anything for granted as Ardmore are difficult to beat especially at home. They possess a strong defence conceding just 4 goals in 9 games, but will have to be on their toes as Dungarvan have come good at the right time. Still we stick with Ardmore to win.

LISMORE V BOHEMIANS

Lismore have a wonderful opportunity to redeem themselves following their tame exit from the FAI Junior Cup last week when they entertain another Waterford side on Sunday in the Munster Junior Cup. Both sides met last year when the visitors won after some bad Lismore defending. The defence this season is strong and is capable of defending well and is unlikely to meet a side as formidable as Waterford Crystal was last week, and learning from the mistakes made should stand to Lismore. Lismore to win.

INCH V CAPPOQUIN

There is nothing between either side as they lie in the bottom three of the table and in danger of relegation as they start the 2nd half of the league. Much was expected of Cappelquin but so far they have only disappointed and while they may be scoring they are leaking goals as are Inch. A draw could be on the cards here.

KILWORTH V ACCRINGTON

A North Cork local derby in Fermoy that both sides need to win to stay in the middle of the table and relegation free. Accrington had a good win last week while Kilworth have been idle for a few weeks. As in all local derbies the result can go either way. We think Accrington might come out on top.

MOGEELY V AN GHAELTACT

Our league match of the day. This has the makings of a thriller with the visitors having suffered two consecutive defeats and Mogeely three points behind and two games in hand. While Mogeely have home advantage we think An Ghaeltacht will come out on top, but only just, and this is a game that we think will provide goals, and a game worth going to see.

PINEWOOD RANGERS V BLACKWATER

The home side had a very good win at home last week to An Ghaeltacht, while Blackwater were losing at home to Mogeely. We think Pinewood will be too strong on Sunday and they should maintain their mid table position.

ARAGLEN CASTLEBRIDGE

Castlebridge recorded only their 2nd league win of the season last Sunday while Araglen were idle. When they met a few weeks back Araglen scored eight times in a very easy victory, and while we tip them to win again this Sunday we cannot see them score as freely. Araglen to win.

CASTLEBRIDGE V CLASHMORE

The visitors after their fright last week in Affane will want all three points to keep the pressure on Lismore, and on current form it is difficult to see the home side stopping them. Clashmore to win.

CAPPOQUIN V LISMORE

This will be played under lights on Saturday night and it will be Lismore's first game for a few weeks. Cappelquin have slipped down the table in the past few weeks, but this is a local derby between two sides who play attacking football. On form it has to be a Lismore win.

RESULTS

STATOIL FAI JUNIOR CUP 5th ROUND

Lismore 0 Waterford Crystal 3

MARI MINA PHARMACEY PREMIER DIVISION

Ardmore 2 Gortroe 1
Accrington Celtic 4 Cappelquin 2

SHERRY FITZGERALD REYNOLDS 1st DIV

Blackwater Rgs 1 Mogeely 4
Pinewood Rgs 1 An Ghaeltacht 0
Castlebridge 6 Inch 1

KENNEALLY ROCHFORD ASSOCIATES LTD 2nd DIV

Glen View 8 Castlebridge 0
Affane 2 Clashmore 2

EAST CORK OIL YOUTH LEAGUE

Ardmore 2 Cappelquin 5
Bride View 5 Inch 1



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FIXTURES

Saturday/Sunday next
17th / 18th December

LUCOZADE SPORT MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP SATURDAY 17TH

Ardmore v Dungarvan 2 pm Referee T Griffin
Assistants E McCarthy and M Hartnett

SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Lismore v Waterford Bohemians 2 pm
Referee A Horgan Assistants T Griffin and M Hartnett

MARI MINA PHARMACY PREMIER DIVISION

Inch v Cappoquin 11.30 E Cusack
Kilworth v Accrington P Marks

SHERRY FITZGERALD REYNOLDS 1ST DIV

Mogeely v An Gaeltacht E Cusack 2.30pm
Pinewood v Blackwater 11.30 P Browne
Araglenn v Castlebridge 2.30 P Marks

KENNEALLY ROCHFORD ASSOCIATES 2ND DIV

Castlebridge v Clashmore 11.30 D Whelan

SATURDAY 17TH DEC

Cappoquin v Lismore 7 pm E McCarthy

FIXTURES OVER CHRISTMAS

Fixture secretary Noel Hegarty told us that the Bolger Cup Final between Accrington and Mogeely will be played on St Stephens Day in Lismore at 1 pm with The Bolger Plate between Blackwater and Lismore in Modeligo with a 12 noon kick off. Both Competitions are sponsored by The Dungarvan Leader.

SYMPATHY

On behalf of every one involved in The W.W.E.C. league, sincere sympathy is extended to both the Griffin and Savage families on the tragic death of Jeremy Griffin, Muckridge, Youghal, which sad event occurred on Monday 5th December. The deceased is son of Jerry and Eileen, and nephew of Tom Griffin and Peter Savage, both families who have given so many years of loyal service to the league.

Ar dheis De ar a anam.

THINGS WE HEAR AND HEARD

We were amazed that so many contacted us to tell us they were delighted that we were starting this friendly fun bit of gossip again. We will do our best every so often, but remember we must be told for as the heading states—things we hear and heard, but we emphasise, all done in fun and guess who we write about!!

WEEKENDS AWAY

Two well known committee members were away for weekends lately (not the postman and the ex officio) but the treasurer and the fixture secretary for their birthdays. The treasurer went to

Prague and then had to repair a puncture at the airport. Dec was delighted—same as running out of petrol he said.

The Youghal man, well Lismore man now and just above Chapel St, no better place, went to Anfield to sing You'll never walk alone. We'll have to ask Ann Marie can you really sing!!

The postman in Tallow is helping out for Christmas dinners—just two dinners in fact.

He showed his caring side on Sunday night with a phone call to say he hopes on his rounds to come across a turkey that he might present to a family less well off than himself!! He has promised to pluck and clean the bird himself, but not cook it. Well with a heavy post he hasn't time to do everything.

Who did we meet in Lismore on Sunday last at the FAI CUP game only the butcher himself. He strode across the ground with the Liverpool crest proudly displayed as if it was Rafael Benitez himself. Amazing what a few wins will do? He told us he was delighted that this column is appearing again. Why wouldn't he? He appeared in it every week especially when he was in the music business.

Watch this space for more especially over Christmas. That is when everyone is seen, especially by Santa.

West Waterford/East Cork Youth League

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Wins for Brideview and Cappoquin

League leaders Brideview Utd and second placed Cappoquin both had big wins over Inch and Ardmore on Saturday last. Both are now putting a bit of light between themselves and the rest of the clubs at this stage of the league

Results

Brideview Utd 5 Inch 1

Inch went to Tallow on Saturday evening last hoping to continue their winning run going but it was not to be. The first half was keenly fought and at the break just a Thomas Ryan Utd goal separated the sides.

Further Utd goals early in the second half from Ryan and Barry Coleman put the homeside 3-0 in front.

Inch pulled a goal back to put them back in the game but further late goals for Utd by Ryan (his hat trick) and Kevin Henley saw Utd run out winners in the end and so stay top of the league.

Utd; S. Ahearne, J. Power, J. Hampton, K. Kearney, S. Fraser, E. Hickey, E. Forbes, K. Henley, G. O'Neill, B. Coleman, T. Ryan.

Inch; R. Keniry, P. O'Brien, D. Meade, E. Clifford, A. Myther, K. Lane, C. Lane, R. Cowley, S. Hennessey, T. Griffin, R. Cunningham. Res used; S. McCarthy, S. Crotty. Ref; R. Barrett.

Ardmore 2 Cappoquin 5

No shortage of goals here in Ardmore on Saturday afternoon last. Sadly for the homeside the visitors ran out winners. Cappoquin led 3-1 at the break. Scorers for the visitors in this first half were Mark Scanlon and Paul Barry (2) while Declan O'Reilly scored for Ardmore.

The second half was close but the visitors got goals from Mossy Collins and Daithi Wilkinson while Edward Fitzgerald replied for Ardmore.

So Cappoquin stay in second place in the league which could see this league go down to the wire.

Ref; Eamonn Cusack.

Youths Inter League

Big Game in Tallow (Cancelled)

On Saturday next Kerry Youths Inter League will be visitors to Tallow to play the W.W.E.C. Youths Inter League game.

This is a game well worth a visit and will give locals a chance to see what promising young players are coming through.

While our lads suffered a defeat in their last game against

Cork city and County they can take heart from their display on the day.

Manager Ray Fraser was pleased with their display. I suppose, stated Fraser, one is never happy after a defeat but our lads played well on the day. The result showed we were beaten 4-1 but included in that were two penalty kicks and a real fluke goal.

So yes, there is reason to feel we can still qualify from this group as we now have two home games. This coming Saturday we face Kerry and after Christmas we have another home game against Limerick, stated Fraser.

We wish all the lads the best of luck on Saturday next.

P.S. We have just heard that this game is now gone back till the week after Christmas. More on this later.

New Fixtures for Next Saturday, December 17th East Cork Oil Youth League

Inch v An Gaeltacht, kick off 2.30 pm. Ref. R. Barrett.

W.W.E.C. JUNIOR LEAGUE SUPER DRAW

The Cappoquin club sold the winning ticket of the Nissan Micra car. The final draw took place in Tigh an Cheoil, Ring where a great night was had by all. On behalf of the league we would like to thank everyone who took part in the draw.

Nissan Micra car; Margaret Walsh (Cappoquin). 1,000 euro six nations trip for two; Sean Burke (Castlebridge). 28" Phillips T.V.; Billy O'Sullivan (Castlebridge). Washing Machine; Isabelle McCarthy (Inch). Dishwasher; Christine Fitzgerald (Pinewood). Weekend Break for 2; Donal Caples (Valley Rangers). His & Her Watches; Jason Lenane (Ardmore). Digital Camera; Michael Carmody (Brideview). Oakwood Trip for Family; Tommy Burns (Araglenn). 200 euro Toss Bryan Voucher; Sarah and Olive Maher (Modeligo). 14" Philips Combi; Noel Cahill (Castlebridge). Mobile Phone; Stephen Ronayne (Blackwater). Music voucher; Alan Sisk (Brideview). Leisure Centre Voucher; Denis Twomey (Inch). Portrait voucher; Michael Looby (Cappoquin).

Birthday Greetings

To our committee members Anthony Kenneally who celebrates his birthday next Saturday. Well so a bird told me. The same bird said to congratulate Noel Hegarty as well.

W.W.E.C. League Table

(WEEKENDING 12/12/05)

MARI MINA PREMIER DIVISION

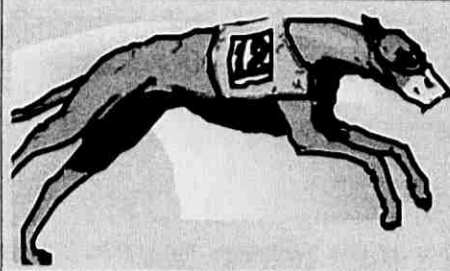
	Pl.	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ardmore	9	8	1	0	19	4	25
Lismore	8	3	4	1	17	15	13
Brideview	9	4	1	4	23	22	13
Accrington	8	4	0	4	13	12	12
Kilworth	8	3	2	3	21	19	11
Inch	8	2	1	5	12	20	7
Gortroe	9	1	3	5	15	21	6
Cappoquin	7	1	2	4	13	20	5

SHERRY FITZGERALD REYNOLDS DIVISION ONE

Valley Rangers	9	8	1	0	17	7	25
An Gaeltacht	8	5	0	3	22	10	15
Mogeely	6	4	0	2	14	6	12
Pinewood Rgs	8	4	0	4	14	17	12
Araglenn	7	4	0	3	21	13	12
Blackwater Rgs	7	2	1	4	11	15	7
Castlebridge	8	2	1	5	13	24	7
Inch	9	0	1	8	6	26	1

KENNEALLY ROCHFORD ASSOCIATES LTD. DIVISION TWO

Lismore	9	7	2	0	29	11	23
Modeligo	9	5	1	3	17	15	16
Clashmore	7	5	1	1	23	8	16
Glenview	9	3	2	4	14	12	11
Brideview	2	4	3	3	14	22	8
Cappoquin	7	2	1	4	9	12	7
Castlebridge	7	1	1	5	6	22	4
Affane	8	1	1	6	11	21	4



GREYHOUND NEWS

BY MARK PHILLIPS

SATURDAY-DECEMBER 10TH

Three In A Row For Lough Ellie

Local owner Jack Molloy has his runners in sparkling form at present and he sent out 5/2 shot Lough Ellie (Droopys Vieri-Lough Nina) to her third victory in a row when taking the second semi final of the Philip Lavery Memorial / Ballybrazil Jet A3 Stake in a smart 28.91. The well backed Final History tried for a run up the inside of the early paced Lough Ellie at the penultimate bend but she was having none of it closing the gap quickly on her way to a two and a half lengths win.

In the third semi final Funtime Francis attempted to make every yard of the running but the John Waterworth owned and Eamon O'Donovan trained Valricco Storm (Cool Performance-Glebe End Girl) 4/1 gradually reeled in the leader before pouncing close home for a head win over Funtime Francis with a fast finishing Podge Kiowa just behind in third. Time 29.04.

The remaining qualifier saw Taltos and Castleboro Rose engage in a bumping match throughout as the Michael Conway owned Kingsmeadow Earl (Fortune Mike-Lyons Jill) 3/1 caught us all on the hop with a flying finish on the wide outside which carried the local dog to a neck win over Taltos with Castleboro Rose a head behind in third.

In the opening graded contest Windgap Whitey forged into an early lead but coming around the final bend Lounge Act and Pure Party both closed in on the leader. In a gripping finish the Fionnuala Knox owned Lounge Act (Jamella Prince-Lemon Aqua) 2/1 got up to beat a flying Pure Party by half a length with Windgap Whitey a neck further back in third. Time 29.46.

Despite a slow start in the first semi final of the Philip Lavery Memorial / Ballybrazil Jet A5 Stake the Judy Mackey owned Moonveen Mozo (Spiral Nikita-Not A Bother) 4/1 cleverly side-stepped first bend crowding on the wide outside to grab a second bend lead from Haresmoor Honcho and while the latter came back for more on the run to the winning line Moonveen Mozo held firm by half a length in 29.42.

Only four runners went to post for the second semi final where Mark Flood's Chloes Bandit (Knockeevan Star-Cactus Winger) the 4/5 favourite led all the way in 29.11. Racing into a four lengths lead on the back stretch Chloes Bandit did well in the finish to hold off the late run of Withered Ferns who went down by a neck.

Despite stepping up a number of grades the George Roche owned Rusty Crest (Bionic Prospect-Betfivemillion) proved equal to the task-capturing race four in a fastest of night 28.72. Dashing straight into an early lead over Samuiri Niki and Oppsy Tufty Rusty Crest was never in any danger of losing this contest dishing out a five and a half lengths beating to Samuiri Riki at the rewarding odds of 5/1.

Track newcomer Ranger Tom (Rapid Ranger-Blue Mystic) captured race five for owner John Davis and trainer Nick Turner in a smart 28.84. Driving up the inside of Brandy Rebel and The Other Cowboy on the back stretch a determined Ranger Tom bulldozed his way to the front before beating a running on Befola Jet by two lengths.

The John and Adrian Morrissey owned and Sean Dooley trained Rathilla Lad (Roanokee-Metric Ozzie) 3/1 got back to winning ways in race nine shrugging off the back stretch challenge of Moher Mover before defeating a fast finishing Darling Affair by a length in 29.11.

In the final race of the night a wayward Forest Rumble did his best to prevent the John Lambert owned and Declan Byrne trained Carlow Town (Crack Off-Main Fortune) 3/1 from winning but to his credit Carlow Town battled on tenaciously for a neck success in 29.21.

TRAP DRAWS-SATURDAY-DECEMBER 17TH

Final Philip Lavery Memorial / Ballybrazil Jet A5 Stake

- 1 Moonveen Mozo
- 2 Cherryhill Bidy
- 3 Withered Ferns
- 4 Haresmoor Honcho
- 5 Chloes Bandit
- 6 Moretown Dancer

Selection — Chloes Bandit
Dangers — Withered Ferns, Cherryhill Bidy

Final Philip Lavery Memorial / Ballybrazil Jet A3 Stake

- 1 Final History
- 2 Taltos
- 3 Valricco Storm
- 4 Funtime Francis
- 5 Lough Ellie
- 6 Kingsmeadow Earl (W)

Selection — Lough Ellie
Dangers — Final History, Valrico Storm

THURSDAY DECEMBER 8TH

Two From Two For Noreview Kitty

The final of the Unraced Stake saw the Tom O'Neill owned Noreview Kitty (Powerful Flash-Catsrock Breeze) carry the warm favourites tag to success last Thursday night coming from behind the front running Dizzy Dozen before proving four lengths to good for Tequila Dancer in 29.79.

In the first contest of the night the Roy Ellis owned Callupthecash (Joannestown Cash-Call Me Fibi) 5/4 overcame a disastrous start from trap six and while Slippy Jimmy led to the third bend Callupthecash stayed on best to beat Listrolin Mick by three lengths in 30.14.

Race two produced a clear cut winner as the John McGrath owned and John Lacey trained Fair Shape (Honcho Classic-Madam Dundee) 4/5 made the best possible start from trap two and given plenty of vocal encouragement by connections, led all the way to run out a handy three and a quarter lengths winner over Blue Society in 29.36.

In a 300 yard dash the Isabel Copeland Eccles owned and John Nichols handled Three Spots Off (Droopys Woods-Feels Like Gold) 5/2 got the better of an early duel with Sheeraghs Rhys before beating that same opponent by two and a half lengths in 16.57.

The James Mckeown owned and Dick Cullinane trained Aunties Rebel (Moyné Rebel-Aunt Aggie) 5/2 made good use of his early pace to lead all the way in the fourth contest and while Rathilla Lou held every chance of winning over the final two bends Aunties Rebel held out by half a length in 29.99.

Kilkenny owner Gerard Dunne sent out 2/1 shot Pops Shadow (Droopys Vieri-Dandies First) to a 29.47 success in race six. Taking over in the lead on the back stretch from Wee Ranger Pops Shadow basically cruised to an eight lengths win over Tory Dubh in 29.47.

Fenor owner Dick Cullinane sent out his second winner of the session in race seven as 5/2 chance Broad Oak (Toms The Best-Pale Face) got the better of a back stretch tussle with Tomnaboley Yank before forging clear for a four and a half lengths win over Lady Bonny in 29.74.

The Philip Ryan owned and Joe Bolton Lee trained Well Express (Roanokee-Well Princess) 2/1 accelerated into an early lead over the pack in race eight and making the best of his way home the long striding Well Express went on to dish out a five lengths beating to Glenbrien Doug in 29.36.

Without a win for some time the Terry O'Connor owned and Ned Murphy handled Terrys Boy (Droopys Kewell-Crefogue Plover) 6/4 hit the winning trail once again from trap four in the ninth contest bounding clear for a cosy two and a half lengths defeat of Glenbrien Judge in 29.11.

Track newcomer Above The Edge (Honcho Classic-No Headway) created a favourable impression in the final race of the session this 2/1 chance running for Cork owner Bill Shannon easing his way clear early on of Got The Neck before accounting for That's Maggie by a comfortable six lengths in a best of night 28.94.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

Taylors Battle In Command

Marathon performers were well catered for on last Friday nights ten race card with four out of the ten races run off over the demanding six bend trip of seven hundred and thirty yards. We start our review however with an unraced event where the Three To Do Syndicate owned and Patricia O'Neill trained Gallows Mint (Fortune Mike-Suirside Lass) 2/1 finished full of running to collar the long time leader Sock And Rock to score by two lengths in 29.58.

In the first semi final of the Bet With The Tote Marathon event the Rastafari Syndicate owned and Vic Roche trained Rastafari Joe (Frisby Flashing-Clonmore Nikita) 2/1 came from last to first to oblige in 41.37. Kays Lady raced into a clear early lead but Rastafari Joe gradually wore down the leader to hit the front on the rails and score by half a length.

The Uknowitmakesense Syndicate owned and Gil Little trained Knockane Ruud (Smooth Rumble-Javelin) 6/4 to 4/5 was the best back runner in the second semi final and he duly delivered shaking off the early attention of Dry Honcho before powering clear for a facile fourteen lengths win over Dry Honcho in a fast 40.89.

Races four to seven inclusive were first round heats of the Wacky Apple A4 Stake.

The Heather Molloy and Michael Cusack owned Taylors Battle (Droopys Vieri-Lough Nina) 5/2 made no mistake in heat one producing a sound early paced performance to score in 29.09. Tazzy Jack stayed on well into second place but Taylors Battle was gone beyond recall obliging by a length.

Mindies Lad cut an early dash from trap four in heat two to lead from Peggy Gadfly and Coolside Lucky. Owned by Pamela Holt 3/1 shot Peggy Gadfly (Top Honcho-Go Ahead Ivy) produced the stronger finishing pace in the home stretch to get home by four lengths from Coolside Lucky in a best ever 29.15.

Johnny Said Black made a bold bid to lead throughout in heat three but driving up the inside of the leader over the final two bends the Donal Crean and Daniel Gibbons owned and Jimmy Scully trained Hunters Wood (Droopys Vieri-Stormy Fancy) 2/1 was soon in pole position motoring on for a two lengths defeat of Duffry Comet in 29.15.

Heat four went all the way to the wire with Mrs M Corrigan's early paced entry Sheelin Kate (Mustang Yank-Lightening Kate) 5/2 holding out by a head from a fast finishing Catsrock Max in 29.14.

The two semi finals of the Philip Lavery Memorial / Ballybrazil Jet A4 Marathon stake went to the litter comrades Tinas Call 5/2 and Sandyhill View 3/1 both winners being members of the November 03 litter by Droopys Vieri and Tinas Last Call.

The Ruth Jones owned Tinas Call took over in the lead on the back stretch from the early paced Sadlers Storm before driving on for a three lengths defeat of a slow starting Abbey Queen in 41.53.

The Liam Ramsbottom and Ruth Jones owned Sandyhill View went a good deal faster in the second semi final grabbing a third bend lead from Lethelyonroar before motoring clear for a cosy five lengths win over Figlash Lady in a decent 41.00.

Supa Furry, Sara Dara and Copperfield Hill locked horns up front for a long way in the final race of the night but timing his run to perfection Tom Grant's Copperfield Hill pounced close home to deny the fast starting Sara Dara by half a length in 29.16.

TRAP DRAWS-FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH

Bet With The Tote D4 Marathon Final

- 1 Knockane Ruud
- 2 Kays Lady
- 3 Dry Honcho
- 4 Rastafari Joe
- 5 Artful Amazon (W)
- 6 Ballyverry Rebel (W)

Selection — Knockane Ruud
Dangers — Rastafari Joe, Kays Lady

Wacky Apple A4 Stake

First Semi Final

- 1 Taylors Battle
- 2 Duffry Comet
- 3 Tazzy Jack
- 4 Sheelin Kate
- 5 Hunters Wood
- 6 Kingsmill Kewell

Selection — Taylors Battle
Dangers — Duffry Comet, Tazzy Jack

Second Semi Final

- 1 Full Of Problems
- 2 Mindies Lad
- 3 Catsrock Max
- 4 Coolside Lucky
- 5 Daroma Dave (W)
- 6 Peggy Gadfly (W)

Selection — Catsrock Max
Dangers — Peggy Gadfly, Coolside Lucky

TRAP DRAW-SATURDAY-DECEMBER 17TH

Philip Lavery Memorial / Ballybrazil Jet A4 Marathon Final

- 1 Figlash Lady
- 2 Romantic Deirdre
- 3 Sandyhill View
- 4 Tinas Call
- 5 Abbey Queen
- 6 Sadlers Storm (W)

Selection — Sandyhill View
Dangers — Romantic Deirdre, Tinas Call

DUNGARVAN MINI RUGBY NOTES

First Visit Of Midleton!

There was great excitement in Ballyrandle last Saturday morning when Midleton brought a 100 strong squad to take on the home side at all levels from U7 to U13. Dungarvan had over 80 players across all levels which is a record in recent years for these age groups. The morning's activities took until approximately 12.30pm to complete. Midleton travelled with several supporters so including Dungarvan support and coaches the event brought together approximately 260 people in all. Dungarvan mini rugby supporters and parents provided tea, coffee and cakes for the visitors in the club house and this was greatly appreciated by all. Midleton has invited us to a return game in February or March.

UNDER-13S

This was the first time we have fielded an U13 side in several years. Midleton brought over 20 players and sportingly loaned 5 to Dungarvan. The balance of the team was made up of 13s from the U16 panel plus the older players in the U12s. For some of the team it

was their first time playing a full pitch and experiencing limited contesting in the scrums. Midleton dominated the first half territorially and Dungarvan conceded an early try. Two fine breakaway tries saw the home team lead at half time. In the second half the Dungarvan, well supported by the visiting team members, got on top and ran out winners on a 24-12 score line. Much thanks to the Midleton for allowing this sporting fixture to take place. There is definitely a nucleus here for an U14s team next year and we will try to arrange friendly fixtures at this level during the remainder of the season. There are a number of past players who played in recent years who would be welcome to return and build up the squad. New members are always welcome.

UNDER-12A

Dungarvan fielded an experienced team against a well-drilled and well-paced Midleton side. Early in the game Dungarvan established dominance in gaining possession putting the visitors under sustained pressure and

gained an early lead. However Midleton fought back well and honours were even at half time. Dungarvan had to defend strongly after the break and fierce defending denied Midleton tries on 3 separate occasions. Having absorbed the pressure the home team finished strongly and ended just ahead on a 5-4 scoreline.

UNDER-12B

Our U12B team, comprising of a mixed squad drawn from the younger U12s and U11s, played a strong Midleton team. Despite competing strongly and with some fine individual performances Midleton proved stronger. Their better teamwork and greater experience allowed them to outscore the home team by 4 tries to 0. Again this was a developmental Dungarvan team with some of our newest players on the side. The squad continues to improve from match to match and will undoubtedly compete with all comers in the future.

UNDER-10S

Dungarvan under 10's met with an unbeaten team from Midleton last Saturday morning at Ballyrandle. This was to be one of our toughest tests of the season so far, but once again we rose to the challenge and played two matches. The first we lost 3 scores to 2 but it was a great game played in a great spirit and could easily have gone the other way. Dungarvan played a great passing game where as Midleton were much stronger in the ruck.

The second match took place after only a short break and Dungarvan lost one or two key players, Midleton started with a completely fresh team so we were really up against it but as ever we were never going to give in easily. Once again it was a really tight match and it was settled with the one score, unfortunately to Midleton. It was a fine team effort with everyone giving it there all and playing for one another.

UNDER-9S

Dungarvan U9 fielded a fine side. This side like our U12B is a developmental side made up of some new players and our U8 of last year. Midleton fielded a very experienced U9 squad that were far more resilient than our squad. Despite this Dungarvan fought well in extremely mucky conditions! Despite our best efforts Midleton won 4-3. However Dungarvan enjoyed the game and built up valuable match experience.

UNDER-8S

This year Dungarvan has a fine U8 squad that are very competent at handling the ball. This squad played the U9 Midleton squad as the U8 side was too small. This was a tough match. While both sides were evenly matched in carrying the ball Midleton's extra season's experience prevailed. This was largely due to our poor tackling. That been said it was a close game with Midleton winning 1-0

UNDER-7S

Our U7 seven squad played a strong U7/8 squad from Midleton.

This was a fiercely contested game. Our squad has a ways to go to come up to the standard of Midleton. That being said the squad fought hard putting in good tackles and defending well. The final score line of 5-3 reflected this.

NEXT EVENT

The next event for Dungarvan is very important and we would ask all players, parents and supporters to support it. This event will be on Sunday December 18th when we host our second major home blitz of the season. All age groups will



Dungarvan Mini Rugby Squad Under-9

be in action. In addition to the Blitz the Senior Club will be hosting a Senior Friendly in the afternoon in advance of the Christmas Season. We want to celebrate the success of the Mini-Rugby season to date and as such will be holding an open

morning with refreshments and snacks available to ALL in the clubhouse. This blitz will be between Dungarvan, Waterpark and a 3rd Club (TBC) and we are anticipating between 300/350 attendees. In addition we will be holding the

mini rugby Christmas raffle so please come along and support us!

Training for all squads Saturday morning at 1030 as usual. It is essential that all players train each week to prepare squads for these big matches.

DUNGARVAN R.F.C. NOTES

CARRICK-ON-SUIR 16 DUNGARVAN 16

Following our recent victory over high flying Newcastle West, a draw in this fixture has to be seen as a somewhat disappointing result, especially given the fact that we led right up until the second of five minutes of injury time. The fact that this team can now come away from a match disappointed to only get two league points perhaps shows how far we have come this season, yet the team's performance here warranted so much more.

It seemed that our hopefulness coming into this match was ill founded when Carrick scored within five minutes of the kick off. Having cleverly chipped towards our line, thus forcing us to carry the ball into touch ten yards out, Carrick easily secured possession off their own lineout. What followed was textbook stuff as Carrick worked the ball to the back of the maul, dipped and drove over the line. Carrick missed the conversion, setting a trend for the rest of the day.

As usual, the shock of conceding an early score brought us to life. Although unable to hold any quality possession of our own, we disrupted any ball Carrick managed to gain. Thundering tackles and ferocious rucking left Carrick stunned and our kicking game allowed us to gain a little more territory. As the half progressed our defensive lineout began to improve, depriving Carrick of their best source of quick ball. With James Phelan and Barry Sweeney contesting hard in the air, Carrick were reduced to kicking every ball they managed to win. All our pressure began to pay off from the twentieth minute onwards, when Carrick began to concede the penalties we knew would eventually come. Barry Power knocked a straight forward kick over after 25 minutes to follow a more difficult one he had slotted moments earlier.

With the half begin to ebb away; we knew we needed to score again while our superiority continued. Declining another difficult three-pointer, we kicked a penalty to the corner instead. An almost exact replica of Carrick's try ensued; a clean lineout and solid, calm drive resulting in Barry Sweeney emerging from under a pile of bodies beside the corner flag for a try. Barry Power continued his fine kicking game, easily stroking the touchline conversion between the posts. The rest of the half was whittled away in a game of aerial ping pong, which left us up at half time by 13-5.

Having been in a similar position here in a pre-season friendly, we knew precisely how the second half would unfold. With Carrick riled and on home ground, we were always going to come under incessant pressure for the entirety of the second period. And so the second half unravelled its torturous path for those watching on the sideline. For all the times Carrick pounded into our defensive line, no one took a single step backwards. Leo Morrissey showed us the way to victory, complementing his intelligent defence with some truly bone crunching tackling. No

sight was more welcome than that of our heavy duty prop, John Flavin, catching a winger from behind and bowling him into touch. Even when John was subsequently sin binned for killing the ball, we negated their resulting penalty by driving straight back up field, where Barry Power tacked on another three points with a forty yard effort.

With ten minutes to go the tide took an unfortunate turn. Warren Hogan, who had led the side inspirationally to this point, was forced off the field with a hamstring injury just as Carrick unleashed a raft of fresh forwards from their bench. Missing two of our regular starters, we were not as well covered in the pack. Visibly tiring from their vast defensive effort, our pack still refused to roll over for Carrick, forcing them to earn every yard. A penalty with five minutes left on the clock appeared to be the last score as injury time trickled away with Carrick still desperately searching for holes in our line. Deep into stoppage time the bulwarks finally buckled, allowing Carrick to cross wide out. Thanks to the unremitting spirit of this team, they were forced to ground for the try out wide, forcing a more difficult conversion, which the Carrick kicker duly missed, as with three of his earlier efforts, to leave the score at 16-16.

Regaining possession from the kick-off, Carrick set out to finish with a flourish. There was no hope we were leaving with nothing though and John Broderick forced an incredible turnover, from which the ball was kicked to touch and the match ended.

Among the many positives to be taken from the day was the fact that we scored four times with minimal possession. Our lineout was again solid and our defence was outstanding against a vaunted Carrick backline. In the negative column was the shaky nature of our scrum, our poor ball retention that led to so little possession and our inability to create anything in the backs. Although every player came off the field having played well, special mention must go to Leo and Warren for their immense defence in the backs and to Andrew Scully and James Phelan for more of the same up front. Sean Fitzpatrick had a commendable game against his home town team and Brian Dunfort again showed flashes of his destructive abilities with ball in hand.

With extremely winnable games left for the rest of our schedule, training continues apace this Tuesday and Friday and with the annual married v. singles match now in sight, it would behoove everyone to stay in good nick for the coming weeks.

Team — Tim Ryan, Sean Walsh, John Flavin, John Broderick, Sean Fitzpatrick, James Phelan, Andrew Scully, Barry Sweeney, Eddie Connors, Eoin Cunningham, Leo Morrissey, Brian Dunfort, Warren Hogan(c), Kieran Morrissey, Barry Power. Subs: Simon Hughes, Keith Kirwan, Stuart Fee, Dermot Fahey, Emmet Walsh.



Dungarvan Mini Rugby Squad Under-8



Dungarvan Mini Rugby Squad Under-7



Dungarvan Mini Rugby Squad Under-12B

HORSE RACING SNIPPETS

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DAVY IN FORM

East Cork rider Davy Russell was the man in form at the recent curtailed two-day fixture at Clonmel where he rode five winners over the two days. Davy went one better however when he partnered five point to point winners in the one day when riding as an amateur. Only five races were run off on the second day of the Powerstown Park fixture when the stewards called a halt to proceedings after the fifth race due to deteriorating ground conditions.

TRABOLGAN ON THE EASY LIST

Recent Hennessy winner at Newbury Trabalgan is on the easy list at present with a slight leg problem but the injury is sufficient enough for him to miss out on a crack at the King George on St Stephens Day.

NO IMMEDIATE PLANS

County Wexford trainer Paul Nolan has no immediate plans for one of his stable stars Cloone River. This gelding who doesn't take a lot of work to bring him to race fitness will not run over Christmas but his trainer is still hopeful of running him at the Cheltenham festival in March.

THIS WEEKS RACING

Wednesday — Downpatrick 12.50pm, Bangor, Lingfield and Newbury.

Thursday — Gowran 12.30pm Catterick, Southwell and Exeter.

Friday — Uttoxeter, Windsor and Wolverhampton.

Saturday — Fairyhouse 12.30pm, Haydock, Lingfield, Newcastle and Windsor.

Sunday — Navan 12.30pm, Thurles 12.40pm, Musselburgh and Southwell.

HORSES ON THE MOVE

The founder of the IBM Data Marketing Company Paul Beck recently moved 17 horses from the yard of Richard Guest to Venentia Williams. The owner stated he wanted to have the vast majority of his horses trained in the South of England rather than in the North. Guest still has a number of horses in training though for owner Beck.

VINNIE BACK ON HOME SOIL

Portlaoigh rider Vinnie Keane is now back in Ireland after a spell in the UK where he rode over one hundred winners.

AZAMOUR ON THE MEND

The four-year-old Azamour formerly trained by John Oxx is expected to make a full recovery after undergoing surgery for a colic problem at Troystown Veterinary hospital last week.

BUDGET UPDATE

Minister for Finance Brian Cowen TD made two significant moves relating to the horse racing industry in this country in last weeks budget.

1 — He reduced down the betting tax in Irish Bookmaker offices to 1%. Up to now most Bookmakers have absorbed the tax and its not going to make any real difference to the punters in the street.

2 — Tax exemption on stallion fees will cease in 2008.

KINGSLIFF IN GOOD ORDER

Trainer Robert Alner reports his recent Belfair Chase winner at Haydock Kingscliff to be in good form as he prepares for a tilt at the King George V1 Chase at Sandown over the Christmas period. Should he prove successful in this race Kingscliff could earn connections a further £1 Million bonus if he were to go on and taste success in the Tote Cheltenham Gold

Cup in March.

TWO WINNERS AT CHELTENHAM

Trainer Noel Meade and his stable jockey Paul Carberry had a day to remember at Cheltenham last Saturday capturing both feature events. Le Passing looked home and hosed in the Robin Cook Memorial Tote Chase but Paul Carberry brought Sir Oj with a great rattle from the last fence home to outstay Le Passing in the shadow of the winning post.

Victory number two arrived courtesy of Harchibald. Carberry thought of trying for a run up the inside of Tony McCoy on the run to the final hurdle but McCoy was having none of it forcing Harchibald to switch his challenge to the outside. Harchibald was still on the bridle on the run to the winning line and as Paul Carberry pushed the button slightly Harchibald cruised to the front to score a shade cosily.

PIPE TEAM OUT OF FORM

The Martin Pipe trained horses were really out of form over the weekend with Our Vic pulling up in the showcase chase event. There is obviously something not right with the horses and one should avoid backing any of the Pipe horses until they show a winning return to form. Our Vic who screwed over the first two fences at Cheltenham before being pulled up by Timmy Murphy was reported on Sunday as being very stiff and sore and is now almost certain to miss out on the King George V1 chase at Sandown.

SOLERINA SCORES AGAIN

For the second weekend in a row Solerina under Tramore rider Gary Hutchinson made no mistake last Saturday with yet another fluent front running success.

ROBERT RETURNS

26-year-old Dublin born rider Robert Winston returned to winning action at Wolverhampton on Saturday after a four months absence due to a jaw injury.

THE MOORE'S IN THE DOCK

The father and son combination of Jamie and Gary Moore were in the wars at Doncaster last Friday when Lewis Homes finished third in a chase. The stewards were not happy with the performance and rider Jamie Moore was hit with a hefty 20 day suspension while father Gary the horses trainer was fined £4,200. The horse was also banned from running for forty days.

WEEKEND ACTION

Jockey Davy Russell continued his good run of late riding a treble at Cork last Sunday. At the same fixture Bally Scanlon posted back-to-back victories for County Waterford trainer George Kent at odds of 4/1.

The progressive Central House showed that his victory over Moscow Flyer was no fluke when accounting for the odds on Rathgar Beau in the featured Hilly Way chase.

At Punchestown recent Clonmel Oil winner War Of Attrition had his colours lowered by a fast finishing Hi Cloy in the Durkan Chase. War Of Attrition could only finish in fifth spot and ran very flat according to regular pilot Conor O'Dwyer.

KIEREN SHINES IN HONG KONG

County Clare born rider Kieren Fallon brought the Ed Dunlop trained four-year-old mare Ouija Board with a tremendous late surge to capture the Group 1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin over the weekend.

Horse Racing News

AZAMOUR RECOVERING FROM COLIC SURGERY

Azamour has returned home to Gilttown Stud after undergoing colic surgery over a week ago at Troystown Veterinary Hospital. The four year old son of Night Shift who was retired after finishing third in the Breeders Cup Turf took ill on November 30th and was brought for treatment immediately. Gilttown Stud Manager Pat Downes reported that the vets were happy with the way the surgery went and that the horse should make a full recovery in time.

OUIJA BOARD TRIUMPHS IN HONG KONG

The Ed Dunlop trained Ouija Board is likely to stay in training as a five year old after winning the Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin racecourse in Hong Kong in the early hours of Sunday morning. Given a superb ride by Kieren Fallon, this top class performer defeated outsider Six Sense by two and three quarter lengths having been given a very patient ride towards the rear of the field for much of the journey.

On the same card, the Jim Bolger trained Alexander Goldrun was unable to repeat last year's fine win in the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Cup over ten furlongs as she could only manage to finish in eighth place. Although she was not beaten very far, she did not race with her usual sparkle and may not be feeling the effects of a very long season which started in Dubai last March and has taken her to Singapore, Newmarket (twice), Goodwood, Longchamp, the Curragh and Leopardstown.

WINSTON BACK IN WINNING GROOVE

Jockey Robert Winston rode his first winner since suffering a horrific fall at Ayr in August when scoring on the Karl Burke trained Boo at Wolverhampton on Saturday night. The 26 year old had only returned to racing just five days earlier and is now looking forward with relish to the 2006 Flat Season with his sights firmly set on the Jockeys Championship.

Irish Racing Review

(5th Dec. - 12th Dec.) FANTASTIC FOUR-TIMER FOR RUSSELL

Jockey Davy Russell was the man to follow at Clonmel on Wednesday as he rode four winners during the course of the afternoon. Russell was quickly off the mark as he brought Willie Burke's Prideoftheyankees (6/4 fav) to a comfortable success in the first division of the Cashel Maiden Hurdle while half an hour later he partnered Mouftari (2/1 fav) to a hard earned success in the second division of the same race. Later in the day, he scored aboard 20/1 chance Il Mulino in the Rosegreen Maiden Hurdle for trainer Denis Ahern before completing his four-timer in the Wilderness Steeplechase on Eoghan O'Grady's On The Net (5/4) who proved a clearcut winner over main market rival Coljon (11/10 fav).

MCGRUDERS CROSS ON THE MARK

There were only five races run at Clonmel on Thursday as the ground was deemed unraceable due to continuous rain after the fifth race and jockey Davy Russell was again on the scoresheet as he partnered the Tony Mullins trained McGruders Cross (7/4 fav) to a com-

fortable success in the John Harney Bookmaker Beginners Chase.

SOLERINA RECORDS 21ST CAREER VICTORY

Fresh from her heart stopping victory in the Ballymore Properties Hatton's Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse the previous Sunday, the James Bowe trained Solerina enjoyed a much easier time of things at Navan on Saturday when winning her third consecutive Giltspur Scientific Tara Hurdle by an easy twenty lengths from main market rival, Emotional Moment (3/1). Sent off the 2/5 favourite in the hands of Gary Hutchinson she recorded the 21st victory of her fine career in great style and may now be rested until late January.

HARCHIBALD STAKES CHAMPION HURDLE CLAIM

Trainer Noel Meade and jockey Paul Carberry completed a magnificent big race double at Cheltenham on Saturday highlighted by the silky smooth success of Harchibald in the Bula Hurdle. Sent off the heavily backed 10/11 favourite, Harchibald jumped and travelled supremely well throughout to defeat Intersky Falcon by an easy length and a half and is now a top priced 5/1 favourite for the 2006 Smurfit Champion Hurdle next March. Half an hour earlier, Carberry and Meade struck when Sir Oj (16/1) came with a tremendous late surge to defeat Le Passing (25/1) by a length in a dramatic race for the Robin Cook Memorial Handicap Chase in which the favourite, Our Vic, was pulled up after jumping five fences and the well fancied pair, Thisthatandtother and Fondmort, both crashed out at the third last fence.

HI CLOY TIMES IT RIGHT AT PUNCESTOWN

There was an exciting finish to the €100,000 John Durkan Memorial Chase at Punchestown on Sunday when the Michael Hourigan trained Hi Cloy (7/1) came with a late challenge to touch off the front running Jim (10/1) by a head with Forget The Past (4/1) back in third place. The 4/5 favourite here was the 'Mouse' Morris trained War Of Attrition but this one dropped out of contention after the third last fence and trailed in a remote fifth. Earlier in the afternoon, there was a controversial outcome to the opening INH Stallion Owners EBF Novice Hurdle when the Stewards awarded the race to the Charles Byrnes trained Mounthenny (2/1 fav) after they deemed he had suffered interference at the hands of Blueberry Boy (7/2) who had been first past the post by a neck.

CENTRAL HOUSE SCORES AGAIN

Having defeated the mighty Moscow Flyer in the Fortria Chase at Navan last month, the Dessie Hughes trained Central House (6/4) put up another fine performance by making all the running to defeat Rathgar Beau (1/1 favourite) by three lengths in the featured O'Connell Logistics Hilly Way Chase at Cork on Sunday. Connections are now aiming this much improved sort at the Paddy Power Dial-a-Bet Steeplechase at the Leopardstown Christmas Festival in late December, a race he won last season.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Gowran Park - Thursday 15th December -
first race 12.30 pm
Fairyhouse - Saturday 17th December -
first race 12.30 pm
Thurles - Sunday 18th December -
first race 12.40 pm
Navan - Sunday 18th December -
first race 12.30 pm

KCK ATHLETIC CLUB NOTES

National Cross Country Title For Patrick Hogan

On Sunday last, Patrick Hogan, achieved his dream of winning his first All-Ireland Cross-Country title in Athlone.

This was Patrick's third national title in 2005. His first was the 800m indoors in April last. Then in July he won the All-Ireland 3000m on the track and ended up with his Cross-Country title on Sunday last. Patrick deserved his success as he trains hard and never misses a session and is one of the most consistent athletes around.

Patrick collected another two medals, leading the Munster team to the silver medal and the County team to silver.

Our Club team did not make the medals and hopes were high after their great win in Munster. Even so all the boys gave it their best with Niall Browne coming home in 33rd place. Niall had a great Cross-Country season and was one of the most improved athletes in the county in 2005. Next came Sean Browne in 70th place. Again Sean had a great year collecting County and Munster medals. Our fourth member home was Stephen Kearney in 91st place. Stephen was making a come back as he ran with the club when he was younger and was only back with the last month and will be a big addition to this team when he is fully fit. Also fine running from Martin Cantwell 93rd and Aiden Halley 105th.

Niall Browne was a scoring member of the Waterford team that took the silver medal.

Laura Behan was on the Munster team and out of her age U16. Laura had another brilliant run to finish 15th overall and was a scoring member of the Munster and county teams that took the silver medals in both events. Again Laura is very consistent like Patrick Hogan - it must be something in the air down Rathgormack way.

In the Boys U14, we had three competitors all moving up a year. All three were on the Waterford team. Sadly, Garry Cantwell had to pull out owing to illness. James Greene and Brendan Behan had a fine performance to finish 69th and 70th.

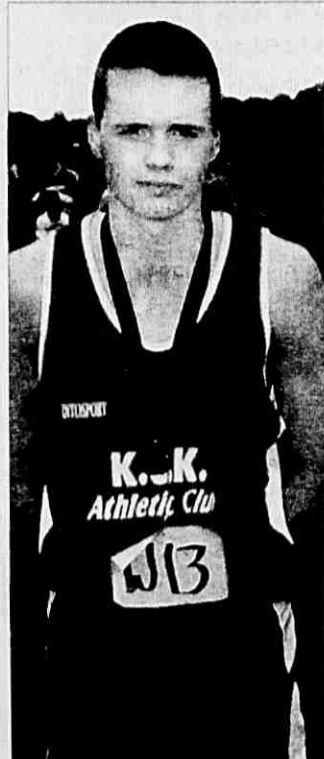
Once again, James Dineen had a fine performance in the Boys U18. James did very well, as it was touch and go whether he would run as he was suffering from the flu.

Once again, it was a brilliant Cross-Country season for the club and we can hold our own with the best.

On Friday evening, next December 16th there will be an evening out for all club athletes at Leisure Arena Waterford from 6pm.

The clubs sports awards will take place in January on a date to be arranged. On behalf of the club we would like to thank the Dungarvan Leader and the Dungarvan Observer for their support in publishing our club notes each week and to wish their staff and management a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Also a Happy Xmas and New Year to all club athletes and their parents.



Patrick Hogan, K.C.K. Athletic Club, who was a scoring member of the Munster and Waterford teams that took silver medals at the All Ireland Boys Under-16 Cross Country Championships in Athlone on Sunday last.



Laura Behan, K.C.K. Athletic Club, who was a scoring member of the Munster and Waterford team that took silver medals at the All Ireland Girls Under-16 Cross Country Championships in Athlone on Sunday last



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Dungarvan Credit Union Cycling Club Notes

2006 CALENDER CONFIRMED

At the recent committee meeting dates were drawn up for a number of 2006 events. A decision was made to follow the successful format of the past year with 2 predict your time events at the beginning and end of the season around the White Church Circuit and the Summer Series around The Mill Street Circuit. The Summer Series is a handicapped event allowing everyone to finish near the same time. The dates are as follows:

- February 25th for 1 week: Canaries Trip
 - April 12th for 4 weeks: Copy Type Secretarial Services & Framing Studio
 - Individual Predict Your Time Competition
 - May 10th for 8 weeks: O'Mahoney Cycles & Nursery Summer Series
 - May 14th: Kelly Pharmacy Road Race (12pm Start)
 - June 11th: Wicklow 200
 - July 2nd: Ring of Kerry Cycle (to be confirmed)
 - July 17th-21st: Tour de France Trip (see notes below)
 - July 23rd: Club Day (to be confirmed)
 - August 9th for 4 weeks: Ger Wyley Sports Team Predict Your Time Competition
 - September 9th: MS Cycle (to be confirmed)
 - September 17th-18th: End of Season Trip (destination and date to be confirmed)
- Any further events will be notified as they are added.

WLR/LIONS CLUB HAMPER APPEAL CYCLE

As part of this worthy cause, Dungarvan Credit Union Cycling Club will hold a fund raising spin this Sunday. Please assemble in The Square at 9.50 on Sunday 17th for a photograph and leisurely spin to Lismore. The hat will be passed around for donations and Santa hats can be worn over helmets. Any members who would like a shorter spin are welcome to join in and turn when they wish.

TOUR DE FRANCE TRIP

Several club members have shown an interest in travelling to the Alps in July 2006 to watch some of the stages of the Tour de France. This will include cycling the final climbs of some of the classic mountain stages. Those travelling are doing so as individuals or in groups of two using the services of an English Cycle tour company. Any members interested can contact Padraig de Burca or Brett Lynam for details or look at the "3 Alpine Stages Tour" at www.sportingtours.co.uk

GRAN CANARIA TRIP

Planning is well under way for the February 2006 trip to Gran Canaria. A large group of Club Members will be travelling and many have commenced training for their week away.

WEEKEND SPINS

The Club's winter groups continue as well supported as ever. Venturing out over the weekend were, Mark Power (Ballinroad), Benny Flynn, Frank Browne, David Tobin, Frank O'Rourke, Mark Power (Abbeyside), Padraig de Burca, Justin Coonan, Damien O'Donohue, Keith Walsh, Eddie Moore, Ray Dwyer, Aisling O'Shea, Siobhan O'Mahoney, Vincent Feeney and Keith Whelan. Also seen out on the road were Martin Veale and Rory Wyley (Snr).

Group weekend spins also continue at 10.00 a.m. from Kilrush on Saturdays and The Square on Sundays. All are welcome. Sunday spins continue at a steady pace to Lismore and some of the group generally turn at this point to return to Dungarvan for anyone wishing a shorter cycle.

The week between Christmas and New Year generally sees a good number of cyclists out and dates and times of informal groups will be notified next week.

Waterford Sports Partnership

Waterford Sports Partnership Hosts A Drug Awareness & Information Workshop

Waterford Sports Partnership in conjunction with Waterford Substance Misuse Team, Health Service Executive and Waterford Regional Youth Services held a 'Drug Awareness & Information Workshop for sports leaders/coaches. The aim of the workshop is to increase awareness around drugs (including alcohol & tobacco) and will help to create and maintain a safe and drug free environment for people within sports clubs.

Andy Hargreaves, Drugs Education Officer, Waterford Misuse Substance Team and Paul Mullins, Community Drugs Worker, Waterford Regional Youth Service delivered the 5 hour workshop at the Dungarvan Youth Club.

This very informative workshop will be run again in the New Year in Waterford City. So, in case you missed out this time around put these dates in your diary now; Monday, 6th February 2006 and Monday, 13th February, 2006 7pm to 9.30pm Waterford City (venue to be confirmed).

SPORTS CAPITAL GRANTS 2006 - GET YOUR APPLICATION READY NOW!!!

The Department of Arts, Sports & Tourism has announced that the National Lottery funded Sports Capital Programme for 2006 is now open for applications.

Application forms, as well as Guidelines, Terms and Conditions, are available at the Department's Website at www.dast.gov.ie or by E-mail request to sportsunit1@dast.gov.ie

or from: SPORTS CAPITAL UNIT, Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, Frederick Buildings, South Frederick Street, Dublin 2. Telephone: (01) 631 3914 / 3930 / 3942. Lo-Call 1890 383000 followed by extension no. (as above)

Please note that the closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 5pm on Friday, 20th January 2006.

If you have any queries at all regarding Sports Capital Grants please do not hesitate to contact Waterford Sports Partnership, we will be only too happy to meet with you or answer your questions over the phone. You can contact us as follows by phone on 058 21190/051 860855, by email; info@waterfordsportspartnership.ie. Or visit our website: www.waterfordsportspartnership.ie

Manchester United Supporters Club

WATERFORD BRANCH

THE BIG NIGHT THIS FRIDAY 16TH

This Friday night one lucky winner will win a trip for 2 to Old Trafford for the Man Utd. v Newcastle match in March with flights, accommodation and match ticket. The second prize will be a piece of fabulous Comeragh Crystal and third prize will be a brilliant hamper for Xmas. Fantastic prizes for just 1 euro and your last chance to get your hands on a ticket will be at Dungarvan Shopping Centre on Friday afternoon. A full list of sponsors of these prizes will appear in next weeks issue along with the winners.

POOR DISPLAY BY EVERTON

The erratic form of the season continued against Everton, the weekend when a draw was simply not good enough in our pursuit of Chelsea.

PLANNING FOR NEWCASTLE

We will hold a meeting in early January for the Newcastle trip as the interest shown in this fixture has been amazing and as usual we will try to accommodate as many as possible.

PRESIDENT "O'SHEA" INJURED

John O'Shea is currently sidelined with a hamstring injury and we hope he's not for too long.

Stradbally Soccer Club Notes

WEEKEND MATCHES

No luck last weekend with our under-11's losing by a late goal to Rathgormack. Kyle Walsh had a great game along with Ger Crowley who cleared a certain goal off the goal line and Andrew Kirwan is fast building a reputation as a first class keeper with Philip Curran trying every trick in the book to get that goal for us.

Our Under-15's went down by four goals to Park Rangers but in fairness it was in the final quarter of the game that the visitors scored three of their goals. Shane Power pulled off some saves between the posts and Christopher Fennell and Paddy Kiely had excellent games. The number of players who were missing made it very hard for the rest of the lads. We have a very small squad and we need all players at matches. Any players from here on who decide not to come and do not inform us as what happened last Saturday will be seeing the door sooner than later. We are not putting the effort in to have a team in the league for players to decide which matches they wish to come to. We are not a pick n mix club. But well done to the lads who were present and gave 100%.

CALLING ALL MOTHERS

This Saturday morning the mummies are in action. This is an X rated game and carries a health warning, so be warned, any first aid will be only applied by husband, so ladies its no use fainting and expecting to wake up and be looking into the eye of some gorgeous first aider, although don't think we have any such hunks anyway, it will only be himself. 12 noon is the showdown and don't be shy and come along with the rest of the mas as it is only for a laugh any way.

Before the game our under-12's play Carrick, what odds a goal for this team, even an og at this stage and we will celebrate. All players to be at the field at 10pm.

Our raffle takes place on Saturday after the mother's match. Tickets can still be got for this and all money raised goes towards the underage in our club.

Saturday night, we hope to see a few faces in Whelan's as we'll have an informal get together and all are asked to come along for a pint and chat. Parents are especially welcome.

SEAVIEW DRAW

The final draw took place in Whelans, Stradbally last Saturday evening. We had the second placed winner with a Mr. Larkin from Kilmeaden winning a 500 euro voucher sold by Peggy and Paddy Joe Carey and a prize of a year membership of Tramore Race Course won by Linda Scurry, sold by Mags Kiely.

Much appreciation to all who purchased tickets for this draw.

LOTTO

The next draw takes place in Whelan's this Sunday evening with a jackpot of 3000 euro but because it is a Christmas special draw there will be guaranteed prizes of 100, 50, 25 and 25 euro. Please support.

CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM

Christmas Day swimmers needed. Cards can be had from any of the local public houses and shop, the committee of Stradbally Soccer Club and Nina and Stuart Fee.

This year's deserving cause is the Waterford Regional Hospital Paediatric Unit. Please Support.

FIXTURES

Sat 17th December Under-12 Home v Carrick B 10.30am
Sat 31st December Under-11 Away v Park Rangers 10.30am
Sat 31st December Under-15 Away v Carrick 2.30pm
Sat 7th Jan Under-12 Home v Railway 10.30am
Sat 7th Jan Under-16 Home v Carrick 2.30pm

Kilmacthomas AFC Notes

CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT

A reminder that the club will be hosting a Christmas party night in Kiersey's Bar this Sunday night 18th December at 9 p.m. Music is by the Rock n' Roll Paddies and so a great night is in store. Tickets are also now on sale for our Christmas Draw which will be held on the night. The top prize is a superb Alaskan Fireplace worth €1,000 and, with tickets only €2 each, your support is greatly appreciated.

Dungarvan United A.F.C. Notes

FLAG DAY

We would like to thank everyone who made our flag day so successful. To everyone who helped collect and everyone who gave so generously, thank you very much. Three girls made a special effort to help on the day and they were Lisa Hughes, Sarah Cummins and Ciara Mulcahy. A special word of thanks to Paddy who supplied the tins.

FAI JUNIOR CUP

On Saturday we travelled to Sligo to play Ballymote in the FAI Junior Cup. This game was played at 12 noon on Sunday and Dungarvan came away with a well deserved 1-0 victory. Dungarvan goal was scored by Kevin Walsh. We would like to say that Ballymote were very courteous to our club. It is nice to travel this far and be made welcome.

UNDER AGE GAMES

On Saturday afternoon Railway Athletic brought a group of 8-10 year olds to play a couple of games against Dungarvan 8-10 year olds. A great day was had by all and we would like to thank Railway for a great day.

BEST WISHES

As the festive season is upon us we would like to wish everyone in our community a very peaceful Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year. We would like to thank everyone who has supported our club over the last year and hope that you will continue to do so in 2006.

ASTRO TURF

The Astro Turf will be open until the 23rd December. Astro Turf will reopen on Tuesday the 3rd January, 2006. Anyone wishing to book the astro-turf

over the holiday period can do so by contacting the astro-turf manager.

MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP

On Saturday next Dungarvan travel to Ardmore to play Ardmore in the Munster Junior Cup. Again Dungarvan have yet to get a home draw in the FAI Cup or the Munster Cup. Ardmore will prove to be a hard team to beat but let's hope Dungarvan can continue their winning run in this competition.

RACE NIGHT

On Thursday night we are holding a race night in the Parrish Bar. This is a very entertaining night and you may be lucky and win a few bob. Horses are on sale for 10 euro so come along and have a go. Your support would be much appreciated.

PARTY TIME

One of the highlights of our year is holding the senior citizens Christmas party in our clubhouse. This has proved to be a very successful and entertaining night for everyone who comes along. Music will be provided by Willie White and friends and everyone is welcome. Clubhouse will be open at 8 pm.

LOTTO

Jackpot 900 euro. No winner. Numbers drawn 6-14-15. Ham and turkey vouchers; Susan Power and Jack Curran. Next week's jackpot 1,100 euro. Draw in John Keane's. This will be our final draw for 2005. Next draw will take place on the 8th January. Thank you for your support over the last year and hope you will continue to support us next year.

SPONSORS

We would like to thank all the businesses who have been kind enough to sponsor us over the last year. Without this sponsorship in the town we would find it impossible to keep Dungarvan United in football. May all our sponsors and employers have a very happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Edwin and Sonia on moving into their new house. Edwin was and hopefully will be again one of the hardest workers in our club. He has decided to take a break from football for the moment. We look forward to Edwin's return and wish both him and Sonia all the best for the future.

SATURDAY ACADEMY

Our Saturday Academy has come to an end for this year. We have found that over the last couple of years this academy has proved to be a great success. Again for the new year if you have an hour to spare on a Saturday evening we could do with any help you think you might be able to give. The academy will resume on the 7th January, 2006. Happy Christmas to all the children who took part in the academy over the last year.

Dungarvan Carry On In The F.A.I. Junior Cup

BALLYMOTE CELTIC 0 DUNGARVAN UNITED 1

The biggest Junior Soccer Cup Competition in Europe has been whittled down from 800 teams to the last 32 and Dungarvan march on.

Dungarvan were drawn away to Ballymote Celtic from Sligo in the last 64 of the competition on Sunday last and it was a trip in to the unknown. The team travelled up on the Saturday and stayed in Ballymote that night. An early rise Sunday morning for a familiarization of the pitch and it was down to business.

It was a perfect day for football, the pitch was a little heavy and this was going to make it a very tight game.

With only a minute on the clock Dungarvan got off to the perfect start, a long ball out of defence found Colin Walsh in space and he had only one thing on his mind, he hit a first time volley which was handled in the penalty area by the Ballymote centerhalf and the referee pointed to the spot. Up came Kevin Walsh and calmly sent the keeper the wrong way. You could see whatever nerves were there disappear and Dungarvan played some lovely football from here in. But this Ballymote side were not going out of this competition quietly and as the game went on they began to create a couple of chances themselves. Unluckily they found the Dungarvan back four of Mark Hislop, Kevin Walsh, Christy - Ross Power and Ross Power in mean form and because of this they never really threatened Alan Landers in the Dungarvan goal.

Mark Crotty and John Paul Donnelly worked very hard in the middle of the park and Tommy Butler was playing well until he had to retire near the end of the first half injured

DUNGARVAN REACH LAST 32 OF F.A.I. CUP

but Craig Cowming who came on in his place coped admirably. John "the Snail" Power worked his socks off on the wing and Tony Fitzgerald who had to run the gauntlet up front on his own for long periods of the game also worked hard.

Owen Morrissey did well when he came on even though he was suffering from the flu but did his bit for the cause. Wayne Flynn and Paul Freyne

were not used.

So its down to the last 32 and the live draw will take place next Sunday on 2FM, but it doesn't stop there the lads are on the road again next Saturday away to Ardmore in the Munster Junior Cup and this should be a cracker. Ardmore are unbeaten at home this season and with Dungarvan now unbeaten in their last 10 games, winning the last 8 of them, something has to give.



West Waterford East Cork/ F.A.I. Technical News



Kick Start 1

Following the success of our first KS1 coaching course we intend running another in January. If you are interested contact your R.D.O. Michael at 087/0508623

Oscar Trayner Cup Squad

We still have no date for our next fixture but it is almost certainly going to be played over Christmas. It is essential that everyone attends the next two training sessions. You know the time and place, please be there.

Development Squads

A number of players have been brought for a trial and watched over the last few weeks. This process continues on Sunday next in Ardmore, when we have a trial for the U-12 squad at 11am and u-14 at 1.00. Clubs will be notified.

Friday Floodlit Football

Having consulted the clubs it has been decid-

ed not to restart the Friday Night Football until after Christmas.

Many of the clubs may have training over the Christmas so it would be wise to consult your club regarding this. We'll see you in the new year.

Masters Football

Early in the new year we intend starting an over 40 league. That's right, its not a misprint over 40. Just when you thought it was safe to throw out the gear. If it has already been consigned to the recycling bin then I suggest you drop a few hints between now and Christmas. The plan is to play a 7aside competition on astro-turf midweek. A panel of 10 with free movement of substitutions in and out (essential). Any clubs interested enter your Team with the R.D.O 087/0508623, if you are not attached to a club but have a team we can accommodate you also.

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RESULTS PONY WINTER TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER 9TH DEC 2005

128cms 0 - 50cms Unregistered Div. — Simon Beirne's, Gizmo, Andrew Beirne. Noreen O'Gorman's, Oscar, Shay O'Gorman. Ann Raheer's, Sea Blue Range, Mattie Raheer.

128cms 0 - 60cms Unregistered Div. — Gerard Burke's, Glidawn Highlight, James Burke. Tommy McGrath's, Kilmoylan Gem, Nicole McGrath. Simon Beirne's, Gizmo, Andrew Beirne. Padraig Dinneen's, Buddy, Ailne Dinneen. Sinead Cooney's, Snowey, Holly Cooney. John Roche's, Rocky, Niamh McCormack. Joseph Cuddigan's, Merry Legs, Clara Cuddigan.

128cms & 138cms 0 - 70cms Unregistered Div. — Claire Connell's, Small Fry, Kirsty Connell. Marie O'Neill's, Sunshine, Lorna O'Neill. Anne Condon's, Hally Bop, Gillian Condon. Joseph O'Keefe's, Danny, Matthew Lavanagh. Lucia Frost's, Bawn Magic, Mary Frost. Joseph Cuddigan's, Merry Legs, Clara Cuddigan. Michael Coughlan's, Tom, Ann-Marie Coughlan.

138cms & 148cms 0 - 80cms Unregistered Div. — Mary O'Donoghue's, Bomber, Teresa O'Donoghue. Sandra Walsh's, Velvet, Sophie Walsh. Val Hyde's, Sparky, Robert Hyde. Mary O'Donoghue's, Ralph, Tomas O'Donoghue. Ger Mulcahy's, Boulta Silver, Emer Mulcahy. John Dunford's, Knockroe Dawn, Hollie Dunford.

138cms & 148cms 0 - 90cms Unregistered Div. — Sandra Walsh's, Velvet, Sophie Walsh. Brid Johnson's, Lackenfune Lad, Alix Barry.

RESULTS HORSE WINTER TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER 10TH DEC 2005

0 - 70cms Unreg. Div. — Catherine Geraghty's, Colin, Anna Geraghty.

0 - 80cms Unreg. Div. — Catherine Starling's, Benjy, Fiona Dinneen. Catherine Geraghty's, Cliff, Anna Geraghty. Catherine Geraghty's, Rolo, Catherine Geraghty. Francesca Kelly's, Cancara, Francesca Kelly.

0 - 90cms Unreg Div. — Francesca Kelly's, Cancara, Francesca Kelly. Sean Moher's, Oxo, Julie McHugh.

1 - 00m Unreg Div. — Pauline Dahill's, Waterloo Lass, Pauline Dahill. Julie Harty's, Burning Sapphire, Julie Harty. Thomas Hyland's, Rio, Gina O'Brien.

RESULTS HORSE WINTER LEAGUE QUALIFIER 10TH DECEMBER 2005

0 - 80cms Div. — Joan Cooney's, Convamore Diamond, Jennifer Cooney. Oonagh McMahon's, Over the Limit, Oonagh McMahon.

0 - 90cms Div. — Joan Cooney's, Convamore Diamond, Jennifer Cooney. Oonagh McMahon's, Over the Limit, Oonagh McMahon. Gina O'Brien's, Is It Otto, Kirsten O'Brien. Carmel Melody's, Nire Valley Spring, Gemma Phelan.

1 - 00m Div. — Alice Fitzgerald's, Glenlicky Rose, Alice Fitzgerald. Noel Devereux's, Knockenpower Belle, Michael Buckley. Patsy Roche's, Kilbrittain Princess, Sarah Roche. Oonagh McMahon's, Over the Limit, Oonagh McMahon. Barbara Moran's, Pride of Mangan, Barbara Moran. Pauline Dahill's, Glencairn Maggie, Pauline Dahill. Ruth Furney's, Lucky Emerald, Ruth Furney.

1 - 10m Div. — Rosarie Murphy's, Laura's Angel, Sean Kelly. Sean Kelly's, Rinneen Over, Sean Kelly. Diana Lonergan's, Dotty the Dragon, Rosanna Lonergan. Noelette Cooper's, Alfresco, Mrianne Cooper. Barbara Moran's, Pride of Mangan, Barbara Moran. Stephanie Cunningham's, Silverglen Kyte, Stephanie Cunningham. Alice Fitzgerald's, Glenlicky Rose, Alice Fitzgerald.

1 - 20m Div. — Gemma Phelan's, Live & Kicking, Gemma Phelan. Rosarie Murphy's, Laura's Angel, Sean Kelly.

RESULTS PONY WINTER LEAGUE QUALIFIER 11TH DECEMBER 2005

128cms Grade C & D Div. — Anne Cronin's, Kelvaro, Aine Good. Iris Hitchmough's, Deerfield Tamarind, Lisa Hitchmough. Kevin Bartley's, Sally Graffon, Kevin Bartley Jnr. Emer Maloney's, Boolagh Ronnie, Maeve Maloney. Michael Moloney's, Dancing Crystal, Ian Fives. Peter Oates's, Boolagh Shot Gun, Aisling Oates.

128cms Grade BCD Div. — Iris Hitchmough's, Deerfield Tamarind, Lisa Hitchmough. Anne Cronin's, Kelvaro, Aine Good. Michael Moloney's, Dancing Crystal, Ian Fives.

138cms Grade D Div. — Shirley O'Shea's, Itzhak, Hannah O'Shea. Marie Corbett's, Welsh Flyer, Siobhain Corbett. Marie Corbett's, Tantassaig Girl, Siobhain Corbett. Eamon Phelan's, Ballyneety Prince, Rachael Phelan. Priscilla Larkin's, Ollie Boy, Clare Larkin. Lorna Dowley's, Stonewall Jackson, Sarah Dowley.

138cms Grade C & D Div. — Shirley O'Shea's, Snowbell, Hannah O'Shea. Noel Devereux's, Knockenpower Cailin, Hollie Dunford. Marie Corbett's, Tantassaig Girl, Siobhain Corbett. Priscilla Larkin's, Ollie Boy, Clare Larkin. Lorna Dowley's, Stonewall Jackson, Sarah Dowley. Barbara Kiely's, McGregor, Dawn Kiely. David Walsh's, Misty Day's, Rachel Walsh.

128cms Grade ABC — 1st John Joyce's, Kilcreene Venus, Patrick Joyce. 2nd Peter Oates's, Port Mor Sooty, Aoife Oates. 3rd John Moloney's, Czech, Aimee Moloney. 4th Barbara O'Callaghan's, Cappagh Banjo, Mark O'Callaghan. 5th John Joyce's, Brown's Bridge, Patrick Joyce. 6th Lucia Frost's, Bawn Magic, Mary Frost.

138cms Grade ABC — 1st Barbara O'Callaghan's, Eliza Day, Mark O'Callaghan. 2nd Mary Mahony's, Mon Amie, Jill Mahony. 3rd Frank O'Connell's, Magneto Pepsi, Eimear O'Connell. 4th Samantha McGuire's, Jimmy's Chance, Sally McGuire.

148cms Grade ABC — 1st Teresa Bowen's, Borrismore Queen, Elizabeth Bowen. 2nd Pat Barry's, Ashford Spice, Eimear O'Connell. 3rd Dominic Bryan's, Ballybur Blake, Martin Bryan. 4th Tim Beecher's, Loughnalousa Gold Touch, Grace O'Keefe. 5th Teresa Bowen's, Carrowmore Sheeba, Elizabeth Bowen.

148cms Grade D Div. — Anne Condon's, Sceilig Heron, Orla Browne. Richard Wall's, Ashfield Dreamer, Orla Wall. Treasa Melody's, Nire Valley Kestrel, Peter Moloney. David Walsh's, Shaft's Warrior, Hilary Walsh. Mary Mahony's, Emerald Fox, Susie Mahony. Avril Barry's, Turlough Warrior, Paul Barry. Dominic Bryan's, Ballybur Lincourt, Aoife Oates. John C Byrne's, Party Animal, Mary-Kate Byrne. Mary Gregory McCarthy's, Ebony Gazelle, Joshua Gregory McCarthy. Daniel O'Hanrahan's, Ashbourne Prince, Nancy O'Hanrahan.

148cms Grade C & D Div. — Mary Gregory McCarthy's, Ebony Gazelle, Joshua Gregory McCarthy. Anne Condon's, Sceilig Heron, Orla Browne. Caroline Killeen's, Diablo Bleu, Margaret Foran. Sandra Duffy's, Beach Mount Boy, Martin Lonergan. Mary Hennessy's, Amber Star, Cait Hennessy. Richard Wall's, Ashfield Dreamer, Orla Wall. Dominic Bryan's, Ballybur Lincourt, Aoife Oates. John C Byrne's, Party Animal, Mary-Kate Byrne. Mary Gregory McCarthy's, Sheakespeare's, Lady, Tobias Gregory McCarthy. Daniel O'Hanrahan's, Ashbourne Prince, Nancy O'Hanrahan. Michael Kelly's, Attyrory Splash Fantastic, Edel Kelly.

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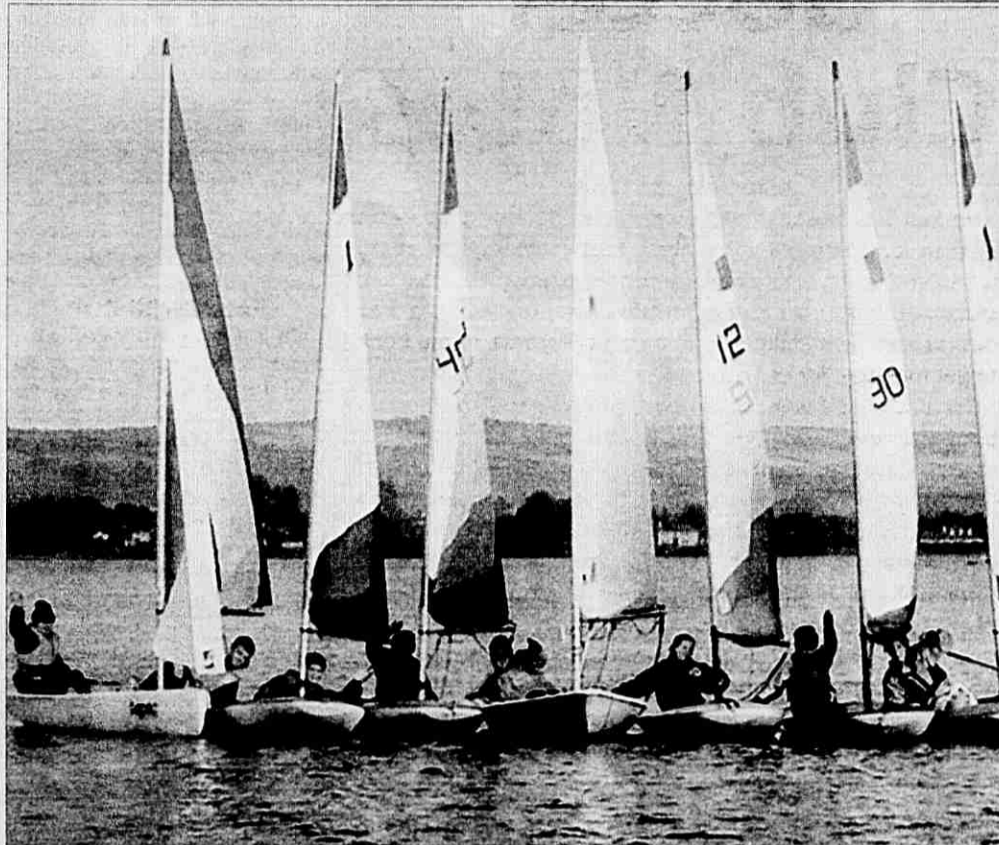


Photo shows James Queally, Joe Conway, Johnny Whelan, John Flynn, Anna Ballot, Niamh Power, Kevin Brazel, Wendy O Murchu, Tomas Power.

JUNIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Captain John Allen kindly sponsored two Cups which were sailed for during September and October. They were presented to the winners on Saturday the 10th of December. Results were as follows: September- 1st Johnny Whelan, 2nd John Flynn, 3rd Paul Wright and Aisling Power. October - 1st Anna Ballot, 2nd Wendy O Morchú, 3rd James Quealy and Kevin Brazel. Adrian Whelan won the Dairyland Cup for dinghy sailing.

SAILATHON

Sailing wasn't over during the winter for the juniors in Dungarvan. On Sunday the 11th, nine junior sailors braved the elements and raised money for Dungarvan Lyons Club. The day couldn't have been better; everyone was overdressed. The sun was shining and there was a light breeze. The day was enjoyed by all.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa is coming to the Sailing Club on Sunday the 18th. The party will start at 5pm. Not sur-

prisingly, Santa will arrive by boat at 6pm. Music will be by The Mad Hatter. Don't forget!

BIRTHDAY PHOTOGRAPHS

The DHSC celebrates its 60th birthday in 2006. We are going to hold a photographic exhibition during the summer. Please contact Austin Flynn, Kieran Donnelly, or Mossie Brennock if you have old photos. All original photos will be returned. We would love to include your memories in our voyage down memory lane.

Deise Archery Club News



Christmas Shoot

Next Sunday 18th December we will be hosting our Annual Christmas shoot. This year it will take place on our newly revamped Coilte course in the Black Hills. Those of you wishing to take part are requested to arrive early (10.30) if possible to give a hand setting up. Once again this year the club have spared no expense in bringing top prizes for the eventual winners. With the famed Rudolph's Nose shot once again included. It should make for a fun morning out. Again suitable seasonal headwear is a pre-requirement for entry.

The Wooden Arrow

Issue 21 of the Wooden Arrow is now available. Highlights of this issue are an article by Peter O' Connor on Archery Coach training which rivals James Joyce's Ulysses as a piece of work which few people will truly understand. An Article on the downfall of the previous ITFAS committee, with references to despots of the last century, and an interesting recipe for Fried Muskrat from Sean "Thin Daddy" Mulroy. Yes that's right folks lots of really useful information on Archery !!! God help us if we ever start taking ourselves seri-

ously. This priceless periodical is available through Kevin Power

Christmas Cheer

I came across this Seasonal poem recently and thought I would share it with you all

I keep my snowman in the freezer
Just behind the pies
He likes it there, he told me so
I can see it in his eyes.

I made him on a cold, cold morning
when the snow was fresh and deep
now he sits in the freezer
near the fish that we got cheap.

I keep my snowman in the freezer
and look at him each day.

If I'd left him in the garden
He'd simply have melted away.
But now he's like my Grandma
Living somewhere safe and nice;
He's in a frosty, snowy palace
on a throne of coldest ice.

I keep my snowman in the freezer
near a lump of frozen beef
and I've got a treat for him in August
I'm taking him to Tenerife
— Ian McMillan



An Ghaeltacht who lost to St. Olivers in the semi final of the West Waterford Rural Development Committee Under-12 (Div. 1) Floodlit Football Tournament at Aglish. Included is Micheál Ó h-Ullachain, Bainisteoir. (Rory Wyley)

ABBESIDE/BALLINACOURTY G.A.A. CLUB NOTES

CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the club took place on Saturday night last in Ballinroad Hall. The meeting was very well attended and it was also encouraging to see many players in attendance. Firstly Treasurer Packie Hurney presented a detailed set of accounts which showed the huge costs involved in running our club, but nonetheless showed that the club is in a very healthy financial position. Thanks mainly to our Deise Draw promoters, Bingo committee and Golf Classic committee. Club Secretary Bernard Shields then presented his customary excellent report going through the various aspects of the club. He paid tribute to the U-12, minor and U-21 championship winning teams and also highlighted our senior hurlers victory over Mt. Sion, though he was critical of the championship structures which lead to long periods of inactivity. During the report many people spoke and contributed to a healthy debate on our playing affairs, and again it was refreshing and encouraging to hear the players express their opinions on the future direction of our dual senior club.

Club Chairman Tony Mansfield then gave a brief report on our development plans, where unfortunately we failed with our lotto application. However,

this is not the end of our development plans and a development sub-committee with responsibility for fundraising it to be established. In his Chairman's address Tony referred back to our amalgamation in 1967 which established us as the sole club of our parish with an equal dual status. He complimented all our management teams throughout the club who had won 5 western and 3 county titles over the year. On the financial side he praised all who helped raise funds and called for an improved canvass of our parish for the Deise Draw. Regarding the future of hurling and football, he paid particular attention to the role of our primary schools and appealed for extra help with our indoor hurling in the Friary. He concluded his address by referring to our adult club teams where in football he felt that we consolidated our position and in hurling he reflected on our great win over Mt. Sion.

The election of officers then took place — Chairman; Tony Mansfield. Secretary; Bernard Shields. Vice Chairman; Tom Whelan. Treasurer; Packie Hurney. PRO; Neil Moore.

Committee; Seamus O'Brien, Bernard Gorman, Frank Sweeney, Christy Phelan, Jonathan O'Donovan, John Foley, Matthew Hogan, Tucky Organ, Matty Kiely, John Foley Jnr, Jim Mahoney, Billy Hick-ey, Liam Enright, Luke Bren-

nan, Kevin Tobin, Greg Fives, Keith Browne plus the two senior captains.

CLUB MEETING

Our first meeting of the new committee takes place on this Thursday night at 8 pm in the Parish office, where team managers for 2006 shall be elected.

SEAMUS O'BRIEN

It was a busy week indeed for Seamus O'Brien. Firstly on Thursday night he was returned unopposed as Western Board Registrar, then on Friday night he was presented with an award by Munster Council for his distinguished service to the Association and finally on Saturday he was in Croke Park to be part of the Central decision to officially open up Croke Park, whilst he still made it back in time to attend our AGM.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our Christmas raffle takes place on Wednesday, 21st in the Village Inn. Again we would appeal to all our supporters to buy tickets and all those with tickets to please return them to Packie Hurney by Monday night.

JUVENILE SECTION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of our juvenile section took place on Tuesday last in Scoil Mhuire. This was the best attended meeting for many years and it was great to see many new faces in attendance.

Firstly Kevin Tobin presented a detailed set of accounts which were praised by everybody and Chairman Billy Hick-ey complimented Kevin on his professional approach to his job.

In his secretary's report Jonathan Donovan paid tribute to the huge commitment given by all the volunteer workers in the club and gave a full account of all the club activities both on and off the field. In concluding his report Jonathan announced that he would be stepping down from his posi-

tion and Billy thanked him for his two years of great commitment to the position as did club Chairman Tony Mansfield.

Billy then gave his Chairman's address and began by thanking all the club managers, selectors and coaches for their dedication and complimented the professionalism they displayed.

He said that the indoor hurling and Saturday morning sessions continue to go from strength to strength. On fundraising he thanked all those who collected membership money and who helped with the flag day and pubs collection.

He gave special mention to Ray Maloney for running the successful Super Trio draw and to Brendan O'Brien for his Quiz night. In an expanding community Billy said we must continue to recruit new people into the club and thanked Pat Moore for organising coaching courses for new coaches. In concluding Billy also announced that after five years as Chairman he would be stepping down.

He thanked all those who supported him through his five years particularly all those with whom he had worked on the committee.

Club Chairman Tony Mansfield thanked Billy for all the time and effort he has put into his duties and indeed we are all indebted to Billy for his work as undoubtedly the juvenile section has flourished during Billy's tenure as Chairman.

The election of officers and committee then took place and it was great to see many new faces involved.

Chairman; Liam Enright. Secretary; Luke Brennan. Treasurer; Kevin Tobin. Committee; Matty Kiely, Eddie O'Halloran, Bernard Gorman, Mary O'Hare, Frank Sweeney, Noreen Brackett, Deckie Hourigan, Eddie Cashin, Jim Mahoney, Michael Collins, Michael Donovan, Billy Hick-ey, Larry Cliffe, Seamus Murray, Ger Collins.

Gaelic Games Coaching Corner

Go Games Challenge v South Tipp — Last Wednesday 21 boys from schools in the Urban Waterford area traveled to Clonmel to play their South Tipp counterparts in a "Smart Touch" Go Games Gaelic Football challenge. Despite the conditions both teams played some excellent football throughout the game. Players enjoyed the Go Games format and adapted well to some new rules. The Waterford players on the day were Niall Cooke (St. Declan's), John Shanahan (Scoil Mhuire, Butlerstown), Adam Dunne (Glor na Mara), Seamus Burtchael (Ferrybank Boys), Evan Sheridan (Mt. Sion), Jack O'Donoghue (Scoil Mhuire, Ballygunner), Harry Walshe (Glor na Mara), Kevin Harte (Holycross), Conor Coad (St. Declan's), Billy Ryan (Mt. Sion), Krisiu Madwisiki (Waterpark), Michael de Paor (GS Phort Lairge), Eddie Darcy (St. Saviour's), Daniel Hoban (Passage East NS), Daragh Pheasey (Faithlegg NS), Barry Power (St. Paul's Boys), Christopher Kervick (Scoil Mhuire, Ballygunner), Sean Kearns (Killea Boys), Craig de Burca (GS Pilib Barun), Alex O'Mathuna (GS na nDeise), Eoin Kindlen (Holycross)

This link with Tipperary will continue in 2006 when we will host Tipp for Hurling and Camogie. It is hoped at that stage to get other divisions in Waterford involved also. Thanks to Orla Saunders (Waterpark) who was one of the managers on the team last week.

Munster All Stars — Posters of the Munster All Stars teams in Hurling and Gaelic Football will be distributed to the schools in the coming week. As well as detailing the teams the posters will be a calendar for 2006.

Schools Visits — Coaching visits will finish up in the next week or so. After Christmas schools will be receiving Hurling visits from the GPO's. Schools will be informed of coaching visit dates in the near future. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all teachers and pupils a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

I would like to thank the staff of the Dungarvan Leader for all their help and co-operation throughout 2005 and wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Cois Bhride Juvenile G.A.A. Club Notes

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 6th Annual General Meeting of Cois Bhride C.L.G. na nOg took place last Wednesday in Tallow, and was well attended. Outgoing Cathaoirleach Liam Moroney outlined most of the club's activities during the year, Secretary Raymond McCarthy gave a detailed account of all our teams' playing exploits and progress, and Treasurer Michael Leahy reported that the Club's financial situation remains solvent but is quite dependant on its one big fundraising effort, the Horse Fair Draw to keep afloat. When the three officers were finished their reports it was on to the election of officers, and the following are the officers and committee for 2006; Chairman- Eamon Lonergan; vice-chairman- Terence McSweeney; Secretary- Brian Mulcahy; assistant sec. Marie Grey; Treasurer- Aidan Ryan; P.R.O.- Frank Roche; Registrar- Maureen Roche; Purchasing and equipment officers- John Hennessy and Maura Ryan. Committee- Mike Leahy, John Beecher, Raymond McCarthy, Lena McCarthy, Liam Ahearne, Denis Tobin, Kieran Ahearne, Colin Cunningham, Flor Harnedy, Joe Ahearne, Maurice Hartnett, Ann Buckley, Kieran O'Donoghue, Finn McCarthy, Billy Cantillon, John Allen, Michael Hogan, Kate Ryan, Johnny Geary, Gabriel Hynes. As you can see a lot of changes at the top table with Eamon Lonergan taking over the Chair, and new faces for the positions of secretary and treasurer also. Eamon is no stranger to Cois Bhride, serving as Treasurer for three years, and has also been a selector from the beginning. He brings quite a lot of experience to the job, having been Chairperson of numerous clubs and organisations in the past including Co. Chairman of Macra na Feirme. Taking up first time positions in the club are Brian Mulcahy, Marie Grey, and Aidan Ryan, and of course it is always good to see new people coming on board to keep things fresh. We wish them all a good and productive year in 2006.

NOLLAIG SHONA AGUS SUAIMHNEACH LE GACH DUINE

To all our players, mentors, officials, drivers, parents, selectors, supporters, dogsbodies, hurley-carriers and assorted bottle-washers, we wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas, and a peaceful and successful New Year. And to the editors of all our local publications who have printed our notes all through the year keeping our supporters in touch with all our club's activities, we say a big Thank You, and Merry Christmas. See you in the New Year.

Waterford GAA Result

CO.U21 (A) HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Ballygunner 1-14 Ballyduff Upper 0-8

Waterford GAA Fixture

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH

CO MINOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

At Fraher Field:

2pm Ballyduff Upper v Roanmore (B Power)



Carol Conroy widow of Martin Conroy presenting a cheque from funds raised at the dart tournament in memory of Martin to Sister Mairead, Secretary of the West Waterford Alzheimer's Society. Included in front row is Mary Waters, Co-ordinator W.W. Alzheimers and Marie Keane, Martins mam and member of Alzheimers Society. Back row are the committee and organisers of the darts tournament. (Photo: Robert Power)

Stradbally GAA Club Notes

AWARDS

Well done to John Hearne who won the Park Hotel award for November. Also well done to Michael Walsh who won the Granville Hotel award for November. Both players had excellent games in the drawn and replayed county finals. These awards are well deserved.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our club will hold our annual Adult AGM on Sunday January 8th at 2pm. All are welcome.

TRIP TO BARCELONA

All places for our trip to Barcelona have now been filled. Anyone travelling must have all money paid by the end of this week. Make sure that you have a valid passport. A meeting will be held in the next few weeks with the itinerary for the weekend.

SOCIAL

Our victory social will be held on Saturday February 18th. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year.

SCOR NA NOG

Best of luck to all our competitors in the Western Final which takes place in Mellerary this Saturday night we hope a big crowd will travel to give their support.

VICTORY NIGHTS

On Saturday next December 17th all our players, mentors and supporters will travel to the Bally Inn for a victory night. Come along as a good night is assured. On Friday night December 30th the Conway Cup will travel to Wheelans for a victory night. All are welcome.

FUNDRAISING

A fundraising disco will be held on Friday night December 30th. Tickets are now on sale. We are also selling tickets for a number of hampers. We look forward to your support.

Kilgobinet GAA Notes

As another year comes to an end we look forward to the year ahead and there is no better way to start than with our annual social on Saturday 14th. This is always a very good night so get your tickets from usual sources. Music by Bernie and Sean followed by disco by Mad Hatter. We will hold our AGM on Friday 6th of January in Bohadon preceded by Mass starting at 7.30.

The club would like to wish all players, mentors and supporters a very happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Shamrocks GAA Club Notes

CLUB WEEKLY LOTTO

The numbers drawn on last Saturday night at the Shamrocks Inn, Knockanore were 4-7-10-11 and there was no jackpot winner. 20 euro consolation prizewinners were Mary Coughlan, Ballyhamlet; Noel Tobin, Headborough; William Curley, Tallow; Maureen Feeney, Tallow; John A Kelly, Coolbeggan. On next Saturday night the jackpot will be 4,750 euro and a special draw for Christmas will take place with extra prizes and tickets as usual at 1.50 euro each.

CONGRATULATIONS

From our club to Knockanore, Glendine and Kilwatermoy Community Council on an enjoyable Senior Citizens Party held on last Sunday night at the Shamrock Inn and which was very well attended. A valuable hamper presented by our club was drawn for and won by Mary O'Brien, Tallow formerly O'Connell, Moorehill whom we congratulate.

Brickey Rangers G.A.A. Club Notes

JUVENILE AGM

Our juvenile AGM due to be held this Wednesday night has been deferred until after Christmas at a date to be arranged.

BRICKEY MINI LOTTO

The lotto draw was held in the Tudor House bar on Thursday night last. Numbers drawn were 17-18-28. There was no jackpot winner. 25 euro winners Rachel Sheehan, Con O'Callaghan, Eddie O'Grady, Paddy O'Keefe. This weeks draw will take

place in Tommy Power's Bar on Thursday 15th December and the jackpot will be 3,200 euro. Tickets only 2 euro each available from any promoter.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets are on sale at present for our Monster Christmas Raffle with a top prize of a weekend away worth over 250 euro. 2nd prize 1/2 ton of coal. 3rd prize Half ton of coal. 4th prize 100 euro cash. 5th prize 100 euro voucher and many more

prizes. Tickets only 2 euro each available from any committee member.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DISCO

Our juvenile Christmas disco will be held this Sunday evening, December 18 between 5 pm and 7 pm. All children are welcome to attend. After the disco our U-11's who won championships throughout the season will be presented with their medals.

ARDMORE A.F.C. NOTES

Ardmore Dig Deep

ARDMORE 2 GORTROE 1

Ardmore gained a hard earned three points on Sunday last in a tough encounter against a determined Gortroe side. Paddy Gallagher on a brief return from England deputised in goal for the absent Damien Lenane and played well. We took the lead on the 45th minute when a James O'Donnell pass was finished to the net by Jason Lenane. The second half was only eight minutes old when Gortroe were awarded a penalty to level the game. Five minutes later more disaster struck when an altercation in midfield saw Clinton Hennessy receive a red card. Half an hour left on the clock and down to ten men it was always going to be an uphill battle but fair play to the lads they battled hard and with fifteen minutes left on the clock up stepped Johnny Hennessy who had dropped back to midfield. He latched on to the ball inside the area and beating two defenders scored the all important winner. The final fifteen minutes saw the lads defend and work hard for a deserved win. Ardmore's best Anthony Ahearn.

FAI JUNIOR CUP V DUNGARVAN

Dungarvan make their first trip to Dysart Park on Saturday next at 2 pm as we host them in the Munster Junior Cup. They will come as overwhelming favourites but we plan to give this our best shot despite the fact we will be short a few regulars.

Cunnigar Pitch & Putt Club Notes

ANNUAL SOCIAL

On Friday, 2nd December our annual social was held in Lawlor's Hotel. This was a great success and enjoyed by all. On behalf of the Cunnigar Club we would like to thank Michael Burke and the staff of Lawlor's Hotel for a superb meal and service.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

At our social Jimmy Quinn was named player of the year. Jimmy who has been in all the major events this year won the Munster was second in the All-Ireland, won the team event, opens and scratch cups to his credit. Well done Jimmy on a great year and all the best for 2006.

MRS. BAILEY'S CUP

Last Sunday the Mrs. Bailey's Cup for ladies was held in good conditions for pitch and putt. A big turn out of players was the order of the day. On behalf of the Cunnigar Club we would like to thank the Bailey family for their support. No finer tribute could be paid to this wonderful lady as the annual running of the Bailey Cup.

Result — First nett Mary O'Neill. First Gross Mary Donnelly. Well done to all our winners and all who played.

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

Our club person of the year is the one and only Francis McCarthy. Francis, has given many years of service as Chairman and as President, is a great ambassador for the sport of pitch and putt. On behalf of all your friends in the Cunnigar Club, county and throughout Ireland we wish you many years of retirement. A plaque was presented to Francis by our chairman Aidan Murray.

CLUB INFORMATION

Bonus No. 1 winner Wyn Colligan. We are now open for membership 06. Here is a list of membership fees. Family 140 euro, adults 70 euro, OAP's 45 euro, juveniles 40 euro. Pitch and Putt is a game that can be enjoyed by all the family. If anyone is interested in joining you can call down to the clubhouse on Wednesday. All are welcome. — Shout Fore

G.A.A. NOTES

BY "COMMENTATOR"

Convention Could Be Shortest on Record

Delegates will converge at Lawlors Hotel this Wednesday evening at 6.30 p.m. for the first ever midweek county convention. By all accounts it could be the shortest convention on record with no obvious controversial topics likely to generate discussion, no election and only two motions which are of only domestic interest down for debate. The two candidates nominated for positions on the board, John Jackson and Paddy Fitzgerald have each withdrawn leaving the way clear for the entire outgoing board to be returned. (note: at the county convention of 2007 at least 50% of the present board officers will be compelled to retire because of the limitation of service rule passed at the special congress three years ago).

Motions:

The two motions listed, one from Ballygunner requesting an increase in ground rent paid to clubs for the use of their grounds, is likely to be referred to the incoming board, the second motion from Clashmore requests that a weekend in every month be allowed free from inter-county competition in order to allow more latitude for club competitions. There will be no debate on this as all the clubs will be totally in support of it.

Secretary's Report

Seamus Grant, starting his 35th year as county secretary reports:—

It is with profound satisfaction, that I pen this report of activities under the auspices of Cumann Luth Cleas Gael Portlairge for the past twelve months. It covers in many instances, considerable expansion, growth and success, generating for all of us immense pride in our organisation and our county. Even so it would not be completely right to paint an ultra rosy story - as defects of one kind or another remain ever present, and it is our duty to do everything within reason towards remedying any shortcomings, what ever the direction, and towards that end the various Committees and clubs are continuously at work.

So the immediate impression of the year now rapidly drawing to a close, is a picture of wonderful progress throughout the various strands of hurling and football. The playing fields of the Decies have been busier than ever before, and that is as it should be. We may not be entirely satisfied with the over all modus operandi governing the running of our championships - particularly the senior grades, and it is pleasing to report that steps have already been put in place towards ensuring that a protracted break between earlier rounds will not be entertained in the future. Despite all this, competition remains virile and strong, and there is tremen-

dous satisfaction in winning a club championship, and in most cases advancing to compete at Munster level as a result.

The standard of hurling and football continues to improve on a county wide basis, and this is a clear indication that the colossal work undertaken by the schools and Bord na nOg is paying off with interest. The amount of attention given to our youth never ceases to amaze me, and in this regard the work of the County Games and Coaching personnel remains of paramount importance. Our under age structures remain in safe keeping, and represents as far as I am concerned, the jewel in the crown. Here genuine people are constantly at work - providing active and regular games for our young boys and girls, and the "Go Games" series introduced this year, is another major advancement that can only lead to more progress and be of benefit to every club in the long run.

The implication that county team managers are calling the shots and denying clubs the services of players particularly in the spring and summer months appears to be widespread, and where it exists must be discontinued. Players must give the same degree of loyalty to club and county, and everything to assist such an arrangement must always be in place.

Our intercounty fortunes this year may not have scaled expected heights, and we experienced a number of disappointments along the way. Even so, only in rare circumstances did we fail to hold our own with the best in the province, and we missed out ever so narrowly in a number of instances. Our hurling standards are currently on a higher plain than ever before and there are more playing the game at present than at any other time in the Association's history. I look forward to the day, and remain firmly convinced that it is imminent, of winning a Munster minor hurling title once again - the material is there in abundance, and a breakthrough is now very much on the cards.

Our football quality especially at club level is on a par with the best around, and this is particularly borne out by the fact that Stradbally reached the Munster Club Final at the tail end of 2004, and were only beaten by the narrowest of margins in a replay. We must continue to work diligently with all the football grades to bring them up to the same standard as senior, and in due course, success here will also attend our efforts and bring the code on the same high plain as the hurling.

Turning to the domestic playing season, it is true to state that by and large we were provided with a fair measure of invigorating and excellent matches in

both codes. The fact that all the adult clubs are afforded opportunities to broaden their horizons after winning county finals through participation in Munster and indeed All-Ireland competitions. As a county we reached three provincial deciders last season and we are currently faring well in the current interclub competitions - this comparatively new innovation stands out as tremendous success story and possesses a great future.

Once again it was a race against time to complete all our championship matches within the calendar year and as matters stand at the time of compiling this report, one or two championships could still spill into the New Year. This is not satisfactory and is happening all too frequently nowadays. At the risk of repetition one must again draw attention to the long drawn out nature of the Under 21 championships, why this continues to be the case, remains difficult to fathom, considering that it should be possible given the knock out nature of the competitions concerned, to commence and complete in a reasonable period of time during the early part of the season and thereby eliminate the many clashes with other grades later on in the year. Our entire championship programme perhaps needs a general re-appraisal, and in some instances this is over due, but if as suggested the Under 21 grades are brought to fruition much earlier, it is my candid opinion that much of the late yearly 'hold ups' can be eliminated.

Our County League programme did yield a major increase in the number of matches played, but is still not entirely satisfactory. While the vast majority of clubs remain eager to fulfil fixtures as outlined, a growing number are far too inclined to seek postponements for the flimsiest of reasons, very often with the assistance of their opponents. Because of the continued over loading of intercounty matches, and the fact that Divisional Boards and indeed Bord na nOg must play many of their games at week ends, it is not always possible to fit in huge league fixture lists as well on Saturdays and Sundays. It would be far better to stagger league games as far as possible to ordinary week evenings - especially in later spring and summer, and with a strategic master fixtures programme in place it should be possible to cater for every need and follow through to early finality.

CONDUCT/DISCIPLINE

The subject of conduct and discipline of our members both on and off the field, must always be a source of major concern to us all. Thankfully incidents depicting breaches of

the code proved few and far between during the year under review, but the fact that misnomers of some kind or another did occur, must be highlighted in order that such will not happen again. The various Committees dealt with individual and collective cases as appropriate, and are to be complimented on their correct decisions in accordance with Rule and strict impartiality in every instance.

However, vigilance must continue to remain the watch-word, it should also be high on every club agenda at A.G.M's and prior to matches, good practices cannot be over stated enough.

REFEREES

It could be labelled an all too common occurrence, but the situation regarding the number of referees servicing our games has now reached a critical situation. Even so it first beholds me in this report to pay tribute to Padraig O Mordha on his retirement during the year under review, following decades of outstanding service as one of the county's top referees of all time. Fortunately he is still very much associated with the recruitment and training of new "knights of the whistle," and I wish him well in this regard - but unless there is a big increase in the number of applicants, one feels that Pat Moore's contribution will be in vain. Clubs must realise that a crisis situation now exists, and must take immediate steps to remedy the situation, otherwise quite frankly, our huge programme of games, will become meaningless, simply because there will be nobody available to take charge.

INTERCOUNTY SCENE

The onward quest for inter-county success occupied much attention during the spring and summer months, and while compared to the previous cou-

ple of years our success rate wasn't all that good. This was not for want of preparation and financial support, but we seem to be labouring under the misapprehension that all teams are capable of winning provincial honours. Such is not the case however, and one feels prudence should prevail, and clearly defined budgets put in place for each of the grades at the commencement of the year. Only then may we put genuine restraints on county teams expenditure in the future.

For me and the county at large the death of our esteemed Cisteoir Antoin O Muiriosa on April 10th was a deep loss and placed a void in our midst of gigantic dimensions. He served this Board and Association well to the very end, and in again expressing deep sympathy to his wife Joan and family how apt the old Irish words apply - Ni bheidh a leathaid ann aris. Ar Dheis De go raimh a anam dhillis.

Since our last convention and inexorably so, several prominent and dedicated members of our association have passed to their eternal reward and we again mourn their passing and remember them in our prayers. Antoin O Muiriosa already referred to in this report was a close and personal friend and his death after a protracted illness still came as a shock to us all - the death of Tom Curran of Dungarvan severs a further link with the Decies first All Ireland winning team, while the unexpected death of the youthful Ballyduff Lower hurler Derek Ryan, coupled with the tragic death of young schoolgirl Tara Whelan, left the parish and indeed the county at large in deep shock during the height of the playing season. While the passing of Tom McHugh, Dungarvan severs another great link with our glory football days

and the men who made it possible. An Baile Bhuilleirighs Pat Power also passed to his eternal reward this year and to these and to all members who suffered bereavements, sincere sympathy is extended.

Observations on the Balance Sheet

The cost of running the affairs of the County Board in 2005 was €1,060,537 with income for the same period coming in at €1,095,538, providing a surplus of €35,001 on the year. The surplus for the previous year was €83,884. Gate receipts for the County Senior Hurling and Football Championships amounted to €150,211 as compared with €187,371 in 2004. Hurling gates were down €10,311 and gates for the football championship were down €26,849. The football figures do not include receipts for the football final replay which was played in November.

Failure to qualify for the final stages of the National Hurling League resulted in income from this source being down by €62,884.

On the expenditure side players and trainers expenses amounted to €257,548 and a sum of €273,481 was spent on coaching and development at underage level and schools.

Interest paid on borrowings for development of County Grounds was €33,312 and a sum of €137,196 was repaid on borrowings during the year leaving a sum of €589,786 outstanding in respect of short and medium term borrowings.

Congratulations to Michael Hogan, who did an outstanding job of managing the County Board's accounts for the past nine months. Apart from the development debt referred to above the accounts are in a very healthy state and do not reflect income received after 31st October when the accounts closed.



Lismore delegates at the Western GAA Board convention in Lawlors Hotel. (Left to right): Liz Foley, Bernard Dooley and Emer Barry. —(Sean Byrne Photography).

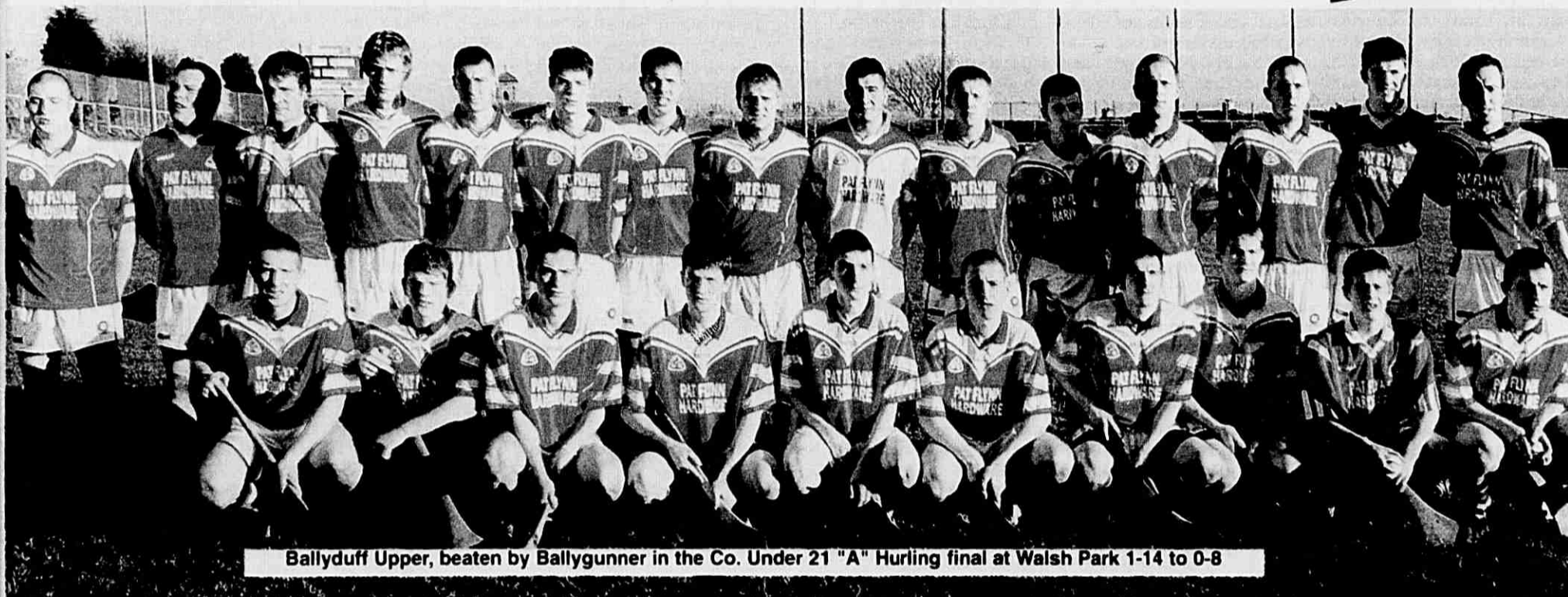
G.A.A. NOTES

BY "COMMENTATOR"

UNDER 21 COUNTY A HURLING FINAL

Ballyduff Upper Had No Answer To Ballygunner's Injury Time Scores

SEAN BYRNE
Photography



Ballyduff Upper, beaten by Ballygunner in the Co. Under 21 "A" Hurling final at Walsh Park 1-14 to 0-8

The nine points winning margin by the hottest of favourites puts a misleading slant on this splendid contest which was far from being a one way traffic affair. In fact, approaching the final minutes only three points separated the teams and the Western challengers, Ballyduff, were still there with a chance, at least of a draw. An opportunist goal in the 64th minute by Gerry Molloy sealed victory for Ballygunner who added late points to give the result a flattering look.

And nobody contributed to the victory more than four of the players who starred in their brave but unsuccessful bid to

win the Munster senior title last week. Wayne Hutchinson stood head and shoulders over anyone else at the heart of their resolute defence, while Shane O'Sullivan, Tommy Power and Gearoid O'Connor showed the way in attack and contributed a combined total of eleven points of their tally.

Ballyduff edged into an early lead with a brace of pointed frees from the hard working Patrick Kearney, but the free-taking accuracy of Tommy Power kept the Gunners in touch and further points from play in added time gave them a somewhat flattering 0-6 to 0-4 half time lead.

The pattern was much the same on the turnover, with Ballygunner keeping their noses in front but Ballyduff stayed close. With the hour played, the winners were still 0-11 to 0-8 in front and they finished in champion style tacking on a further 1-3 to Ballyduff's solitary point in response.

Scorers: Ballygunner - T. Power 0-7, G. Molloy 1-1, S. O'Sullivan, G. O'Connor, D. Clifford 0-2 each; Ballyduff - P. Kearney 0-5, J. Kearney, S. Kearney, S. Cunningham 0-1 each.

Ballygunner - J. J. Hutchinson, J. Kearney, P. Carroll, M. Kearney, P. Hogan, W. Hutchinson, D. Murphy, S. Walsh, N. Mullane, D. Clifford, S. O'Sullivan, G. Molloy, M. Power, R. Power, G. O'Connor. Subs. S. Power for M. Power.

Ballyduff Upper - A. Power, D. Twomey, S. Feeney, K. Moroney, C. Hannon, S. Cunningham, C. Hannon, S. Molumphy, G. O'Donovan, S. Hannon, P. Hickey, J. Hearney, S. Kearney, W. Power, P. Kearney. Sub. C. Feeney for O'Donovan. Ref. P. Casey, Cappoquin.

Ballygunner 1-14
Ballyduff 0-8

Ballygunner's Gearoid O'Connor takes on Ballyduff's Denis Twomey



MINOR B FOOTBALL COUNTY FINAL

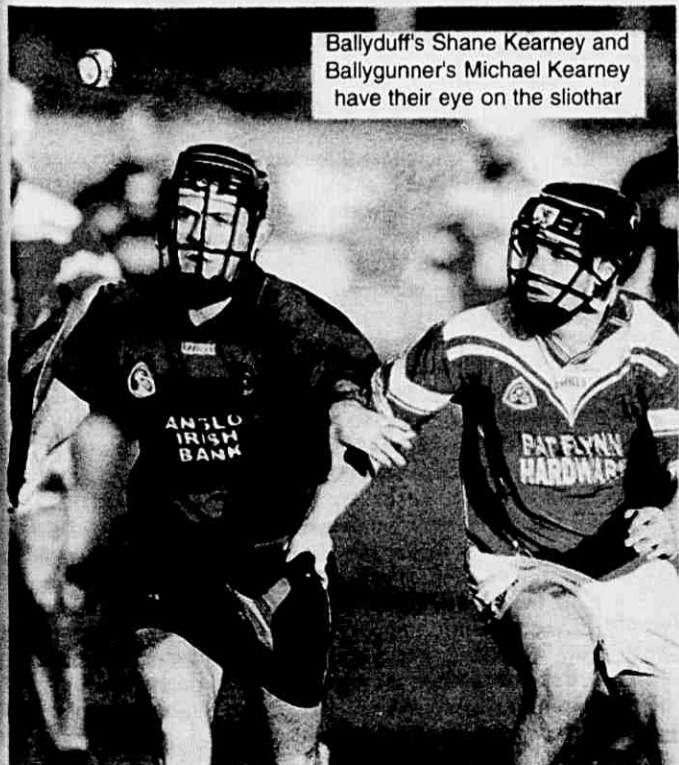
Ballyduff v Roanmore

This game will bring down the curtain for all field activity for 2005. It's timed for 2 p.m. at Fraher Field on Saturday and while it's not expected to be a sell out, a fair crowd is likely to turn up to see a game that is expected to provide an enjoyable contest.

Ballyduff may start favourites but win or lose the Western Champions will bring to a conclusion their greatest year in the last quarter of a century.

The club who had a wonderful year in Intermediate hurling having regained senior status by taking the Intermediate county title in a replay will be strengthened next year by county player Tom Feeney, who has now transferred back to his home club.

Ballyduff's Shane Kearney and Ballygunner's Michael Kearney have their eye on the sliothar



Ballygunner's Tommy Power gets ahead of Ballyduff's Shane Feeney



G.A.A. NOTES

WESTERN CONVENTION

The annual Western Convention held at Lawlors Hotel, presided over by Chairman Paddy Walsh, was completed in an hour and fifteen minutes and was one of the shortest conventions on record. The routine business of the meeting, such as the presentation of the accounts by Treasurer Eddie Cunningham attracted no queries, everybody being satisfied by the excellent manner in which they were presented and with the healthy state of the Balance Sheet. Tony Coffey did ask the Treasurer if the grant of €1,000 to Western Bord na nOg could be increased because of all the wonderful work they are doing in promoting the games at under age level. Eddie assured the meeting that the request would be looked at sympathetically by the incoming board.

Secretary's Report

The excellent report of board secretary Anthony Walsh, published here last week was approved and attracted very little comment. James Tobin, Shamrocks, complimented the secretary on the very courageous way in which he dealt with the lack of time allowed to divisional boards because of the de-

mands of players on the inter-county scene. He said he supported the secretary as did every delegate in the room, and hope that the message went out loud and clear and taken note of by those concerned. Referring to the championships, Tony Mansfield referred to the need to have a B championship to facilitate weaker teams and others who had players of that grade available and he advised convention that a submission would be made to the affiliations meeting.

Referees: Jim Landers spoke at length on the crisis of referees in the county and appealed to clubs to support the recruitment drive that will take place in January. A meeting is being organized for mid January and it is hoped and expected that all clubs in the division will be represented at the meeting. He said that the referees committee were prepared to go to any length to train and encourage young referees and will attend club meetings if requested to do so.

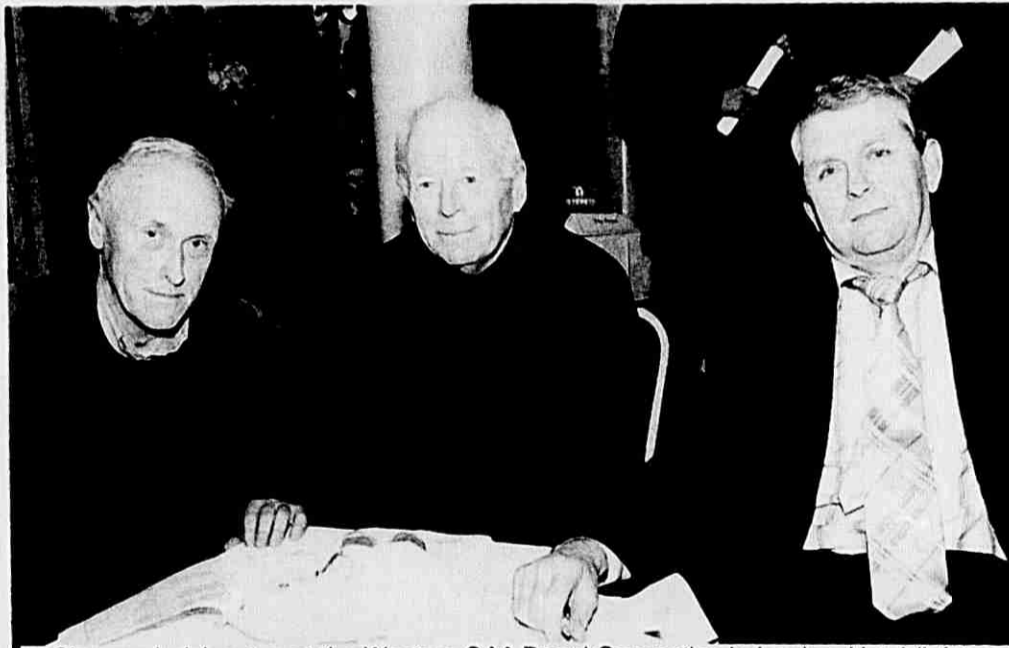
Chairman's Address:

The dominant feature of the Chairman's address was his outspoken condemnation of the Compromise Rules which were

doing untold damage to our Association and should be abolished forthwith. The Chairman called on those in authority to discontinue the series immediately. Paddy Walsh also dealt with all the aspects of the board's working for the year and thanked the clubs for all their co-operation.

Election Surprise:

The huge vote obtained by Kilrossanty's Tony Coffey in having him elected with a surplus in the four way contest for the three positions of county board representatives was one of the big talking points at convention. Voting was as follows: Total vote 75, 1 invalid vote, quota 19. First Count: Patrick Walsh 18, Tomas Kiely 12, Tony Coffey 27, John Lyons 17. On the transfer of Tony Coffey's eight vote surplus Pat Walsh received three votes, Tomas Kiely got four and John Lyons received one, leaving Tomas Kiely the very narrow loser. In the immediate aftermath of the result very genuine tributes were paid to the Gaeltacht clubman for nine years of outstanding service as an honourable and impartial board officer.



Shamrock delegates at the Western GAA Board Convention in Lawlors Hotel (left to right): Johnny Baldwin, Billy O'Keeffe and James Tobin. —(Sean Byrne Photography).



Tallow delegates at the Western convention. (Left to right): Dinny Cunningham, John Lyons, Lindsay Murphy and Liam Moroney. —(Sean Byrne Photography).

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MUNSTER COUNCIL AWARDS

Three Waterford Men Honoured

At a very well attended and enjoyable function held at the South Court Hotel in Limerick and attended by around 500 guests the Munster All-Star Awards were presented to the pick of Munster's finest hurlers and footballers. Waterford had two players honoured on the hurling all stars, Eoin Kelly and Paul Flynn.

The AIB Distinguished Service Award for Administration

went to Abbeyside's Seamus O'Brien. Seamus, speaking on behalf of all the distinguished awards recipients, questioned why he should receive such an award, as why should awards be given to people who are only doing what they love. At the same time he was deeply honoured to accept the award and promised to continue to serve the Association in any way possible in the future. Seamus's

commitment to all levels of the association could be seen over the weekend, having attended the awards night in Limeick, which went on to 1 a.m. he left the hotel at 6 a.m. to head to Dublin for a management meeting at 9 a.m.; a Central Council meeting at 12 noon and he was back in Abbeyside for the Abbeyside/Ballinacourty AGM at 8.30 that evening. Well done Seamus, (M.C.).



Seamus O'Brien, Abbeyside, receives a Distinguished Service Award for Administration from Munster Vice Chairman Jimmy O'Gorman (right) also included is Munster Council Chairman Sean Fogarty.

Central Council Give Permission to Open Croke Park

In deference to the wishes of the majority at Congress in April this year Central Council have acceded to a request from the IRFU and the FAI to have their games played in the stadium during the reconstruction of Lansdown Road. Although the topic has been given widespread publicity and has been hailed as a major news item it hasn't changed anything that has already been decided. Central Council are merely carrying out the wishes of the majority who voted at Congress and it was stated during the debate on Saturday last that the terms of the motion agreed to will be carried out to the letter.

This means that permission is depending on the approval of the planning authority of Dublin Corporation and the work on the major reconstruction having commenced before the gates of Croke Park will be opened to the applicants.

County Bord na nOg Convention an Outstanding Success

This was a splendidly attended convention with every underage club in the county represented. The meeting, which was held at Lawlors Hotel, was presided over by Eddie O'Shea, who in a very outspoken address condemned the abuse of referees and warned those responsible that such conduct will not be tolerated. He referred to the tremendous work being done by the people who manage all the club teams and said that the board were mindful of the role being played by parents in transporting players to our games.

Secretary Robert Grace gave a detailed report of all aspects of the boards working for the year and reported on a record number of matches being played.

In a very detailed and comprehensive report, Treasurer Joe Cleary enlightened delegates on the complete financial workings of the Board. He thanked the sponsors, the gatemen and all who had helped in any way in servicing our games during the year.

The convention was dominated by discussion on a transfer motion which was designed to outlaw the practice of poaching which appears to be common at the city end of the county. The message went out loud and clear that this ugly practice is now at an end.

Park Hotel Sports Star Of The Month



John Hearn Park Hotel Sports Star for November. For his major role as inspirational captain for Stradbally's record equalling 5 in a row County Senior Football titles His powerful, power house midfield performances both in the County final and replay epitomised this great Stradbally team as he led them to county glory. He rounded off a great performance by scoring the all important goal in an epic final replay with the Nire. He also becomes the third Stradbally man to win a Park Hotel Monthly Award - joining Michael (Brick) Walsh and Sean Aherne on the roof of honour.

At the award presentation were (l. to r.) Tom Cunningham, Stradbally GAA Club, Pat Fennell, Club Chairman, John Hearn, award winner, Pierce Flynn, Park Hotel, Kieran O'Connor and Fr. Pat Moran, adjudicators. (Sean Byrne Photography)

Dungarvan GAA Notes

PARTY NIGHT

Our get together was held in the Park House last Friday night and it was great to see so many club people turn out. A great night was had by all.

A presentation was made to our one and only Pepe on his retirement from the game. Tributes were paid to him by Ciaran Curran, Derek Lyons and Michael Curran.

On behalf of the club we would like to thank Richie and his staff for making us very welcome and ensuring the night went smoothly.

INDOOR HURLING

Under-12 indoor hurling will finish tomorrow night in the sports centre until after Christmas.

CLUB GEAR

Club gear is still on sale and can be purchased from Joanne or Grace and would make great Christmas presents.

THANK YOU

A special thank you must go to Derek Lyons having stepped down from the position of P.R.O. after two years due to work commitments. Derek worked long and hard to ensure that all members of the club got to read news of the club and read the reports of the matches.

RACE NIGHT

Apologies must go Paul Byron Shoes for the wrong advertisement in our programme for our race night. Thank you for your support.

SCOR

The final of Scor takes place this Saturday night in Modeligo. Our ballad group are through and they are Kerri Power, Megan Hayes, Faun Duggan, Rachael Hayes and

Ann Marie Tutty.

The quiz team did very well in the semi final but were unfortunate not to get through and they were, Luke Egan, Faun Duggan and Ann Marie Tutty.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY FUN RUN/WALK

The annual Fund raiser gets going on St. Stephen's Day around 11.30 a.m. Tis fundraiser has served the community well over the past number of years with various organisations benefiting financially from it. This year our main beneficiary is the Sesame Pre-School which is a local "special needs" school that is in existence since 1881.

It is a voluntary organisation that was for many years totally dependant on fundraising as a source of revenue. Fortunately

in recent years they are supported by the H.S.E. The children come to the Sesame School literally from the cradle and are assessed by a very professional staff and are subsequently guided along the right path in terms of personal health and social skills. This prepares them for further development, and in the main instances, some of the children can access mainstream education.

The Sesame School Committee are trying to improve their facilities to cater for children that have finished preschool and are not in a position to enter mainstream education. I would appeal to everyone to support this very important facility and sponsorship cards will be available from any Club Committee member.

Saint Olivers G.A.A. Notes

INDOOR HURLING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

Indoor hurling will stop for the Christmas break after the session on this Friday 16th December and will start up again on Friday January 20th 2006 at the new Community Centre in Ballinameela. We have had an excellent turnout every week and with the new facilities available to us we have seen dramatic improvements in the standard of play.

I would like to thank Ger O'Donovan (capt), Brian Guiry and coach Brian Connery from the victorious St. Olivers Under-21 County Champions Hurling team who turned up at training last Friday night to display the Western and County Cups to our young players. This great achievement is an excellent example to all at the club and gives us an added incentive for the New Year.

6 year olds- 6pm to 6.30pm; 7+8 year olds- 6.30 to 7.15pm
9+10 year olds- 7.15 to 8.00pm; 11+12 year olds- 8pm to 9pm
I would like to thank all the coaches, selectors, players, parents, sponsors and all who helped out during the year and to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Waterford Ladies Football Club

WATERFORD LADIES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGM fixed for Monday the 19th December at 8pm in Lawlors Hotel. All clubs please send in attendees.

CLG Na Rinne

Torthaí Lotto Pota Óir €7,400

Umhreacha 3, 5, 15, 24, ní raibh aon bhuaiteoir
€20 an duine ag Eilís Burke f/ch R Breathnach; Silvester Ó Muiri; Ann Costin; Louise Uí Cheallaigh f/ch Spar; Liam Breathnach f/ch R Breathnach. An tseachtain seo chugainn, €7,550.

CRUINIÚ CINNBHLIANA
Beidh an cruinniú cinnbhliana (AGM) ar siúl ar an Satharn 7 Eanáir ag 7.30 i.n. i Halla an Phobail.

GERALDINES GAA NOTES

LOTTO

9th December 2005 - Winning numbers 6, 7, and 21. No winner. €20 winners - Pat Earley c/o Glass, Brendan Drummy c/o Glass, Johnny Corcoran, Aglis, Gerald O'Donovan, Cappagh and Pat Bailey, Villierstown. Next weeks jackpot is €1400 and the draw is in Kereen.

Ballyduff Upper GAA Club Notes

U-21 (A) HURLING COUNTY FINAL

Our U-21s played Ballygunner in the U-21(A) County Hurling Final on Sunday last December 11th in Walsh Park. Although we lost this game by nine points the scoreline did not give a true reflection of our lad's performance as they put up a strong challenge to a much fancied Ballygunner team. Missed chances in both halves were to prove costly and when Adrian Power was denied by the post from a very well taken free late in the second half one sensed it was not going to be our day. Our first half scores came from Patrick Kearney (0-3), and Jamie Kearney (0-1). The score at half time was Ballyduff 0-4 Ballygunner 0-6. While Ballygunner came into the game more in the second half picking off some good points our lads continued to work hard for each other as they have done all year, and with less than minutes to go were still in with a shout as they trailed by just three points 0-8 to 0-11.

However in added time Ballygunner scored a goal and three further points to leave the final score Ballyduff 0-8 Ballygunner 1-14.

Our scorers in this half were Patrick Kearney (0-2), Shane Kearney (0-1), and Sean Cunningham (0-1).

Panel on Sunday was Adrian Power, Denis Twomey, Shane Feeney, Kevin Moroney, Seamus Hannon, Sean Cunningham, Conor Hannon, Stephen Molumphy (Capt), Gerry O'Donovan, Shane Hannon, Paul Hickey, Jamie Kearney, Shane Kearney, Wayne Power, and Patrick Kearney. Subs were Conor Feeney for Gerry O'Donovan, David Casey, Gerard Millar, Kieran Keane, Michael Aherne, Bernard Flynn, Aidan Casey, Mark Feeney, Neil Feeney, and Maurice McNamara. Well done to the entire panel and to selectors Pat Molumphy (Manager), Mike Molumphy, and Mike Leamy for the effort you have all put in during the year. Thanks to all the supporters who travelled to Walsh Park, your support was very much appreciated by the players and was acknowledged by team captain Stephen Molumphy in his speech at the after match meal in Lawlors Hotel.

MINOR (B) FOOTBALL COUNTY FINAL

The minor footballers will play Roanmore in the County Final on Saturday December 17th in Fraher Field at 2.00pm. Please continue your support for these lads who have already made history by becoming the first minor team to win a West Football and Hurling double for the club. For four of these players this will be their fifth final in three weeks which is an incredible achievement, and we hope they get the reward for their commitment and dedication on Saturday. Best of luck to all the lads and to Colin Keane (Manager) and his selectors Denis Twomey, Kevin Martin, and John Frewen.

The panel will be having a meal in Lawlors Hotel on Saturday evening, anyone wishing to join them please give your name to Gretta Kearney before Friday December 16th.

FIELD DEVELOPMENT WORK

We hope to have planning permission shortly for the dugouts in the field with preparation on the galvanising of the steel to begin in the next four to five weeks. This project has been funded by the sales of Deise Draw tickets this year.

In the Draw this year we had winners in four draws winning a total of €2,900. They were Della Keane €200, Martha Leamy €500, Cian, Oran, and Niamh Leamy €2,000, and Seamie and Phyl Hannon €200. Congratulations to all our winners. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who supported the Deise Draw this year.

WESTERN BOARD CONVENTION

The Western Board Convention which was held on Thursday night last December 8th was attended by Maurice Geary, John Jackson, and Tommy Byrne.

CLUB LOTTO

The numbers drawn in last week's draw in Lindsay's Bar were 23-26-27. There was no winner of the jackpot. The €30 winners were Gerry O'Donovan (Snr), Mary Molumphy, and Mary E. Geary. Next week's jackpot will be €4,700 and the draw will take place on Tuesday December 13th in An Sibin.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATE

The Annual General Meeting of the adult GAA Club will be held in St. Michael's Hall on Saturday January 14th 2006.

Clashmore/Kinsalebeg G.A.A. Club Notes

LOTTO

The club lotto is still growing with a prize fund of over €8,000 - a fine festive amount. Thanks to all for continuing to support.

ST STEPHEN'S CHARITY MATCH

This year we are again hosting the compromised rules charity game in aid of the Concur Cancer Fund. We are again taking on Brickey rangers who defeated us last year by a close margin so another entertaining encounter is in store. Tickets for this game are now on sale from club members and com-

mittee. All ticket holders will be entered into a draw for a weekend away and other spot prizes. So please do support this very worthy cause.

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

There are some club members in search of Christmas jumpers for the festive period but are finding it very difficult to come by them. A Christmas jumper consists of a woollen jumper with Santas, holly, snowmen, bells etc in the pattern. If anyone can help us with our search please e-mail clashmore.pro@gmail.com

GoldCoast Golf Club News

Results

Thursday 8th/Friday 9th Dec: 18 Hole Stableford Round Four Mansfield EBS Winter League, CSS 41

1st: Conan Watt (6) 44 pts
2nd: Davin Phelan (20) 43 pts.

Saturday 10th/Sunday 11th Dec: 18 Hole Stableford Round Four Mansfield EBS Winter League, CSS

1st: Michael Kavanagh (11) 46 pts.

Cat 0-8: Micheal White (7) 42 pts.

Cat 9-13: John Enright (13) 44 pts.

Cat 14-17: Freddie Starmer (16) 43 pts.

Cat 18+: Tom Prendergast (20) 43 pts.

Ham Winners
Comp No. 33: Des O'Brien
Comp No. 34: John White
Comp No. 35: Thomas Larkin
Comp No 36: Maurice Fennell

Comp No 37: Tom Prendergast

Comp No 38: Anton Lannon

Fixtures

Mon to Wednesday 14th Dec: 9 Hole Ham Competitions in aid of Lions Christmas Appeal.

Thursday 15th Dec: Open 18 Hole Hamper Competition in aid of Lions Christmas Appeal and Round 5 Mansfield EBS Winter League.

Friday 15th Dec: Open 18 Hole Hamper Competition in aid of Lions Christmas Appeal and Round 5 Mansfield EBS Winter League.

Saturday 17th Dec: Open 18 Hole Hamper Competition in aid of Lions Christmas Appeal and Round 5 Mansfield EBS Winter League.

Sunday 18th Dec: Open 18 Hole Hamper Competition in aid of Lions Christmas Appeal and Round 5 Mansfield EBS Winter League.

Annual General Meeting

The Men's Club met last Wednesday to review the past year. A good attendance listened to reports from the Secretary and Treasurer and all present would have to be happy with what they heard. Competitions are up, the balance sheet seems to get better each year and thankfully the club is now in a better financial position than it ever was. Much praise was given to the outgoing officer board, consisting of President Conor Clancy, Captain Tony Sheehan, Secretary Billy Power and Treasurer Nicholas Fitzgerald, for their efficiency and dedication during the past year. The new committee is as follows: President Declan Kiely, Captain Brian Gaynor, Vice-President Austin Kiely, Vice-Captain Patsy Walsh, Secretary Billy Power, Treasurer Nicholas Fitzgerald, Competition Secretary, Tom White, Handicap Secretary Brendan O'Brien, Ex Officio Tony Sheehan and Conor Clancy, committee members John White, Bryan Keohan, John McGrath, Michael Wall, Tom Considine. The Juvenile Officer is Johnny Hughes.

Mansfield EBS Winter League

Group One: No change at the

top, with all the movement at the bottom of the table. Kill had the highest score of the week and if they can maintain that form they will definitely have a big part to play in this league yet. Cork are slipping a bit and need to get their act together if they want to be involved in the matchplay stages. Abbeyside and the Old Boro are presently fighting it out for the fourth spot, with just 2 points between them. Scores: Waterford 1210, Tramore 1193, Dunhill A 1170, Abbeyside 1163, Old Boro 1161, Cork 1032, and Kill 1014.

Group Two: Mid County and Copper Coast continue to top this group, Ballinacourty have now moved up to third place closely followed by Nire/Touraneena just 2 points behind. Dungarvan lost a bit of ground and Dunhill B slip to sixth place. The Village brings up the rear in this group. Scores: Mid County 1180, Copper Coast 1166, Ballinacourty 1161, Nire/Touraneena 1159, Dungarvan 1126, Dunhill B 1116, The Village 1088.

Big changes in the overall individual competition, Niall Dunphy continues to lead but he is being drawn in by the chasing pack. Micheal White is playing fantastic golf off 8 handicap and is now in second place. Scores: Niall Dunphy 168, Micheal White 161, Tom Prendergast 160, Brendan O'Brien 159, Davin Phelan 158, Paul O'Shea 158, Seamus Mansfield 158, Tony Flynn 158, Shane Casey 157, Michael O'Leary 156, Nicky McGrath 156, Donal O'Brien 155, John Enright 155, Tony Moore 154, Brian O'Connor 153, Frank Waters 153, Martin Allen 153

Reality Golf: Group A: Kieran Cullinan, Brian Gaynor, Thomas Larkin, Tony Sheehan, Martin Murray and Maurice Fennell still in. Michael Wall was unable to play so he goes out.

Group B: Brendan O'Brien, Brian Fahey, John Walsh, Conor Clancy, Michael Ferncombe and Tom White are still in. Adios Billy Power

Course

Two weeks we gave each team two greens to look after and I must say that on Sunday last that the greens were in great condition. Well done to all the players who helped out. We will publish the greens list again this week in case some players did not see them last week. 1st & 15th: Mid County, 2nd & 16th: Dunhill B, 3rd & 17th: Copper Coast, 4th & 18th: Dungarvan, 5th & 1st: Ballinacourty, 6th & 14th: Nire/Touraneena, 7th & 3rd: The Village, 8th & 4th: Waterford, 9th & 5th: Tramore, 10th & 6th: Cork, 11th & 7th: Dunhill A, 12th & 8th: Abbeyside, 13th & 9th: Old Boro, 14th & 10th: Kill

Lions Christmas Appeal

As in previous years the members of the GoldCoast Golf Club will rally behind this very worthy cause. This year, at the request of the members, it has been decided to extend the competitions from a weekend to a full week and all competi-

tions will be open. On Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December we will have open 9 hole Ham Competitions. As at present each competition will be limited to fifteen players and when one is full another will start straight away. Entry is as before with visitors paying €10. On Thursday 15th and Friday 16th we will have an 18 Hole Open Hamper Competition, and on Saturday and Sunday we will also have an 18 Hole Open Hamper Competition. Mobilise the troops, lads, and help to make it the biggest amount we ever gave to the Lions Appeal.

New Open Qualifier

From 2nd January to 28th April the Club will run a new open qualifier, running each week from Monday to Friday. The top player each week will qualify to play in the final which will be held at County Tipperary Golf Club in early May. Each of the players qualifying will be guests of the GoldCoast Golf Club for golf and dinner at the glorious Dundrum course. The overall prize for the winners will be a weekend for two with golf and dinner at Dundrum House. We are very grateful to Nicholas Fitzgerald of CPC Bunmahon for agreeing to sponsor this event and we thank them for their contribution. We will have separate weekly prizes each week. As mentioned above the competition will be an open competition with visitors paying €20 and members paying €6.

LADIES NOTES

Ham Competitions for Lions Christmas Appeal

All the proceeds from the remaining ham competitions, starting on Monday 5th Dec and continuing up to Sunday 18th Dec will go directly to the Lions Christmas Appeal.



Prizewinners in the Super Valu sponsored competition at the Gold Coast Golf Club. Left to right: Billy Power, Club Secretary, Brian O'Connor (2nd), Tony Sheehan Club Captain, Shane Casey, winner, Brian Keohan, (3rd) and Conor Clancy, Club President.



Gold Coast Golf Club Ladies competition (kindly sponsored by Shopwell, Glanbia). Left to right: Helena Fitzgerald, Lady Captain, Val Flemmin, (2nd), Aisling Fennell (winner), Joan Mansfield (3rd) and Ruth Hannigan, Lady President.



November competitions prizewinners at the Gold Coast Golf Club pictured with Club President Conor Clancy and Club Captain, Tony Sheehan. —(Photos by Sean Byrne Photography).

DUNGARVAN GOLF CLUB NOTES

WLR FM LIONS CLUB APPEAL

On Saturday and Sunday 17th/18th a 16 Holes Club Hamper Singles (re-entry) competition will be held at Dungarvan Golf Club. All the proceeds of which will go to WLR FM Dungarvan Lions Club Christmas Appeal. The entry fee will be €10 and it is hoped that members will support this very worthy Christmas Appeal. Each year since 1979 WLR FM and the Dungarvan Lions Club raise funds for Christmas time for the needy in Dungarvan and West Waterford. Dungarvan Golf Club has supported the appeal for a number of years now and hopes that members will continue to do so again this year.

GENTS RESULTS

Open 16 Holes Singles S/ford 8th & 9th Dec - 1st Jim O'Brien (Jr) (17) 40, 2 Neil O'Connor (15) 39, Gross Kevin Stack (Scr) 34.

Sat. 10th 16 Hole V-Par - 1st Pat Fitzgerald (20) + 6, 2 John Norris (13) + 5. Gross Donal Williams (3) level, 3 John Condon (10) + 4.

Sun. 11th Crosscards 16 Holes - 1st P. Cunningham (16) & P. McCarthy (10) 42pts, 2 M O'Mahony (12) & D. Power (12) 42, Gross M. Leacy (5) & Tom Conway (9) 35.

MENS FIXTURES

Thur. 15th and Fri. 16th Open 16 Holes Singles S/ford. Sat. 17th and Sun. 18th Club Hamper, proceeds in aid of Dungarvan Lions Club Xmas Appeal.

LADIES RESULTS

Tues. 6th Dec. 11 Holes S/ford - 1st Emer O'Kennedy (10) 25pts, 2 Maura Kindregan (18) 22, 3 T. Keane (18) 22.

Sat. 10th Dec. 16 Holes S/ford - 1st Louise Fleming (13) 31, 2 Mary French (31) 30.

Ladies Home Alliance Results. Sat. Dec. 3rd 16 Holes S/ford. Section 4 - 1st Mary A. Coffey (17) 31, 2nd Mary Kyne (12) 30. Section 5 - 1st Finola Kelly (26) 35, 2nd M. Baumann (18) 33, Section 6 - 1st Ruth Byrne (26) 32pts, 2nd B. Conway (32) 23pts.

Tues. Dec. 6th 11 Holes S/ford. Section 1 - 1st Maura Kindregan (18) 23, 2nd Joan Mansfield (16) 19. Section 2 - 1st Peg Phelan (22) 15pts, 2nd M. Flahavan (22) 13. Section 3 1st Irene Dawson (30) 20, 2nd Breda Kirwan (29) 18.

FIXTURES

Home Alliance Tues. 13th Dec. 11 Holes Singles S/ford, Saturday 17th December 16 Holes Singles S/ford. Ladies Club

LADIES FIXTURES

Sat. 17th 16 Hole S/ford, proceed to Lions Club Xmas Appeal. Sat. 17th Ladies

Christmas Party @ 7p.m. mulled wine reception, followed by presentation of prizes at 7.30 p.m. followed by a buffet and entertainment by Hugh O'Carroll and friend. Tues. 20th 11 Holes Singles. Open 3 person rumble from Wed. 21st Dec - Sun. January 8th 2006.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thank you to all members who have paid their annual subscriptions promptly. Please note that membership fee payments were due on 1st October 2005. The payment deadline is 1st January 2006. Payments are accepted in the office and bar.

PROGRESSIVE 45

Winners Cyril Power and Tom Coffey. Bernie Hayes and Ollie O'Neill. Last 5 Noel Brennan and Rogie O'Connor Lucky Table Pat Harty and Tom Curran. Progressive 45 every Thursday night at 8.30. All are welcome.

DUNGARVAN GOLF TRIANGLE

Play three course for the price of two, Dungarvan, West Waterford and Gold Coast for only €75. All three courses within 5 minutes of town centre. Offer valid Monday to Friday. Would make an ideal Christmas gift. Contact Irene Lynch on 058 43310, email dungarvangc@eircom.net. Website: www.golftriangle.com.

DUNGARVAN SENIORS PAIRS CLASSIC

The Dungarvan Seniors Pairs Classic takes place on the 4th, 5th & 6th 2006. It is a two person team event that is open to all seniors (55+) and participants must have a certified club handicap. There is fantastic value for visitors - 2 nights B & B, 3 rounds of golf and 3 lunches for only €155. Locals who wish to participate in the three day event can pay 85 euro for three rounds and 3 lunches. There is different formats of play in each course, 2 Person Rumble, Fourball Betterball and a 2 person scramble with daily and overall prizes. Booking enquiries can be made to the tournament director, Dungarvan International Seniors on 058 44055.

DUNGARVAN GOLF INTERNATIONAL

Interested in playing in the 2006 Dungarvan Golf International? Any member of the three host clubs, who brings a team, can avail of a free golf entry. This must be specified at entry stage, all teams must include at least 2 visitors. Pick up a brochure in the Clubhouse for full details on event or see the website

www.dungarvangolf.com email info@dungarvangolf.com.

DUNGARVAN GOLF CLUB MINI LOTTO

Week Ending: 11/12/05. Numbers drawn 4, 10, 18, 23. No Winner. €15 winner: Aidan Hanley Carrigaline, Louise Slater Strandside, Chris Clancy, Eugene Slater Strandside, Pat Norris.

Next week's jackpot €3,000. Next Draw 18/12/05 Thank you for your support.

West Waterford Golf & Country Club Notes

COMPETITION RESULTS

Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December - Club Competition, 16-hole Stableford.

1st: Percy Walsh (20) - 38pts. 2nd: Justin Spratt (15) - 38pts. Gross: Seamus Power (+1) - 33pts. 3rd: Peter Foley (12) - 37pts. 4th: John Keane (12) - 35pts. 5th: John Power (9) - 33pts. High Handicap: Kevin Lonregan (18) - 29pts.

Open Autumn/Winter Wednesday Competition 13-hole Stableford. Result from Wednesday 30th November.

1st: John Dowling (12) Carrick G.C. - 31pts. 2nd: Eugene Murphy (19) W.W.G.C.C. - 30pts. 3rd: Jim Kirwan (11) Carrick G.C. - 29pts. 4th: Michael O'Keefe (9) W.W.G.C.C. - 28pts back 7.

Next Autumn/Winter Wednesday Competitions Wednesday 14th December, 13-hole Stableford. Please note that the Open Competition is over 13 holes but all players may play 18 holes.

SOUTH EAST SENIOR ALLIANCE

West Waterford Golf and Country Club were delighted to play host to the Southeast Senior Alliance once more on Sunday last. The crème de la crème of the Southeast pitted their wits against the course. Congratulations to all the prizewinners and we look forward to their visit next year.

Result: - 1st: Mark Short-hall (3) Callan - 68. 2nd: Andrew Ronan (5) New Ross - 70. 3rd: Paul Madigan (2) Callan - 71. 1st: Gross: Seamus Power (+1) W.W.G.C.C. - 71. 2nd Gross: T.W. Murphy (Scratch) W.W.G.C.C. - 71.

Fixtures - Wednesday 14th December - Wednesday Open 13 hole Stableford prizes dependent on entry.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2005

Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th December Open Singles Stableford (WLRfm Lions Club Christmas Hamper Appeal) kindly sponsored by Glanbia

Sunday 18th December - Club Competition, 16-hole Stableford.

Sunday 18th December - Christmas Scramble Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday 21st December - Autumn/Winter Open Wednesday competition - Open 13-hole Stableford.

CHRISTMAS DAY (9AM TO 10.30) - 9-HOLE BOTTLE OF BRANDY kindly sponsored by West Waterford Golf Club Ltd.

Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th December - Junior fundraising competition, kindly sponsored by Mahers Golf Emporium Cork, 16-hole Stableford.

Thursday 29th December to Saturday 31st December - Club competition, 16-hole Stableford.

Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd January - Club competition, 16-hole Stableford.

Wednesday 4th January to Sunday 8th January 2006 - Commencement of the Winter League, kindly sponsored by Comeragh Oil, 16-hole Stable-



End of Season Club Award presented at West Waterford Golf & Country Club - Ladies Matchplay sponsored by Dalton Jewellers - Photo shows (l. to r.) Suzanne Dalton (sponsor) Joan Sheehan (winner) and Alicia Browne, Lady Captain. (Sean Byrne Photography)



Prizewinners in the Seniors Competition at West Waterford Golf & Country Club, kindly sponsored by The Country Store. Photo shows (l. to r.) John Flynn, Club Captain. Michael Connelly, Conor Lannen (sponsor), Willie Lyons, Cat. B winner and Pat Spratt. (Sean Byrne Photography)

ford Timesheets are in operation for each day of the Christmas Program.

TIMESHEET NOTICE

All members are also urged to telephone the office if they wish to cancel a tee time that they have booked in the interest of fairness to all.

A full list of our fixtures and other information is available on our website:

Irish Sports Council Grants

Irish Sports Council grants are allocated in respect of National and International competition and training costs in 2005. The Grants are awarded based on specific criteria agreed by the Irish Sports Council and the Golfing Union of Ireland. Seamus Power and Mark Shanahan received €2000.00 and €600.00 respectively from this year's allocation and all at West Waterford congratulate both on this latest recognition of their efforts.

BAR AND RESTAURANT

Martin's Catering Ltd. have ceased service, the Bar and Restaurant is now under the management of West Waterford Golf Club Ltd. Any outstanding Martin's Catering Ltd. vouchers are redeemable up to and including Sunday 18th December.

GOLF LESSONS

T.W. Murphy E.G.T.F. is available for golf lessons.

Timmy can be contacted by ringing 086-3521070 for an appointment.

LADIES NOTES

Christmas Party a happy affair for all and "one for everybody in the audience"! Thanks to Lady Captain Mary for a lovely gesture and thanks to Bridget and staff for a lovely party.

Results for 13 Hole Stableford for Christmas Hampers

1st: Jean Conway (30) 32pts; 2nd: Mary Quinlan (23) 27pts. Gross: Tess Reynolds (8) 21pts; 3rd: Jenny Sweeney (13) 27pts.

Fixtures - Lions Club Hamper Appeal: Please come out and support this worthy cause over this weekend December 15th, 16th, or 17th.

December 9 Hole Stableford 2 cards to count.

Christmas Competition- Monday December 12th to Saturday December 31st - 13 Hole Stableford.

Next Home Alliance - Thursday December 29th, Friday 30th, Saturday 31st or Sunday 1st of January 2006! Thank you Eithne for the presentation of prizes they were lovely.

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Dungarvan Golf Club - J. F. Rawlins Trophy - Pictured at the presentation (l. to r.) Jimmy Wemyss, Captain, Owen Stack (winner), Sean Power, presenting the J. F. Rawlins Trophy on behalf of Mrs. Rosemary Rawlins, Roger O'Connor, President. (Photo Pat Crowley)



Dungarvan Golf Club - Lady Bell Singles Match Play - Photo shows (l. to r.) Jimmy Wemyss, Captain, Pat Morrissey, The Lady Bell (sponsor) Paddy Kennedy (winner), Roger O'Connor, President. (Photo Pat Crowley)

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DUNGARVANS NEWEST NIGHTCLUB

Wed. 21st Dec.	WLR Lions Hamper Appeal Disco (Free Admission — Entry Free Donation)	Tues. 27th Dec.	Classic Night
Thurs. 22nd Dec.	Disco Inferno	Wed. 28th Dec.	Minnies Christmas Party
Fri. 23rd Dec.	Start Of Holidays Disco	Thurs. 29th Dec.	Minnies Inferno Ladies Night
Sat. 24th Dec.	Closed	Fri. 30th Dec.	Disco Gold
Sun. 25th Dec.	Happy Christmas to All	Sat. 31st Dec.	New Years Eve Disco
Mon. 26th Dec.	St. Stephen's Night Doors open 11p.m.	Sun. 1st Jan. 2006	New Years Party

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WEST WATERFORD ATHLETIC CLUB NOTES**ALL-IRELAND NOVICE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

West Waterford A.C. Teams Keep Munster Flag Flying

The National Novice Cross Country Championships were held last Sunday in Athlone over an excellent and fair course with under foot conditions ideal, preceded by the even ages Juvenile championships where some of the best Juvenile cross country running was witnessed for some time.

Our juvenile club came home with some team and individual medals on the day which I can tell you were well earned in the top class fields participating. Pride of place on the day went to the boys under 14 team who performed terrifically to take club silver medals in a race which was a sprint from start to finish. An individual performance of note was that of Mark Shalloe who was 7th overall in the boys under 16 race. Well done to them and all the Juvenile athletes who took part in the championships and to their mentors and trainers? (Full report in juvenile notes).

Back to our novice teams — In the ladies race over 3,000 metres we finished a creditable 6th from 11 teams and we were the only team from Munster to field a team here. Diane Behan had very good run fin-

ishing 10th overall and can be well pleased with another top 10 placing in what was a very fast race. Diane was followed home by Ann Dunford 34th, Anne Whelan 42nd, Norma Wall 49th, Josie Uí Chuirrin 64th and Judy Hanrahan 65th. Well done to all the ladies here.

In the mens novice race over 6,000 metres the club had its best finishing position in many year's when coming 10th from 23 teams. Here again the race was run at lightning speed and our first finisher was Raivis Zakis, who despite suffering from a very heavy cold managed to come home in 22nd place. Next was James Ledingham 45th. A very good run from James and our thanks to him for taking time off from his duties in the Curragh to participate in the championship. Mark Langford was 70th, Kevin Kenneally 124th, Trevor Mason 127th, Con Kelleher 132nd and Johnny O'Connor 151st.

Well done to all who travelled and to cross country co-ordinator Tony Ryan for making sure West Waterford kept its proud tradition of fielding teams in all cross country championships.



The West Waterford Mens Novice team who finished 10th club team overall from 23 teams at the All-Ireland Championships last Sunday in Athlone. Back row (l. to r.) Mark Langford, James Ledingham, Trevor Mason and Raivis Zakis. Front (l. to r.) Con Kelleher, Johnny O'Connor and Kevin Kenneally.



West Waterford A.C. Ladies Novice team who competed at the All-Ireland Championships in Athlone last Sunday. The team were the only club team from Munster at the race finishing a creditable 6th team overall. Back row (l. to r.) Judy Hanrahan, Josie Uí Chuirrin and Anne Whelan. Front (l. to r.) Ann Dunford, Diane Behan and Norma Wall.

BALDY MAN RUN

The 5th Annual Baldy Man run takes place on Tramore Beach on Thursday, December 29th next, starting from the Sands Hotel at 12.00 noon. Each year a different charity benefits from the proceeds. This year our Ladies Hospital for Sick Children will be the beneficiary. The Pierce Dower Memorial Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the overall Winner as well as very good prizes for all categories.

Friends Of Mount Sion 5 Mile Road Race This Sunday

The Friends of Mount Sion in association with West Waterford Athletic Club are holding their 2nd Annual 5-mile road race on next Sunday December 18th at 12 noon starting at the Mount Sion G.A.A. Centre, Waterford City. All proceeds from the race will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society Waterford with runners and walkers of all standards welcome on the day.

Prizes will be awarded to the following categories, 1st three men and women, 1st junior male and female, 1st male over 40 and 50, 1st female over 35 and 40 with novelty categories and lots of spot prizes. Entry is 8 Euro and 4 Euro for Juniors. Registration will take place from 10.30 onwards and post race facilities available at Mount Sion Centre where showers, teas and sandwiches will be available.

WEST WATERFORD ATHLETIC CLUB NOTES
ALLROUNDER SPORTS WINTER LEAGUE

Charity Night Tonight

It's hard to believe that we have (or at least after tonight's run we have) reached the half way point of this year's Allrounder Sports Winter League. We take our customary Christmas break after tonight and we will see the league return on Wednesday, January 4th, when we return the divisions will be set. Once again last week the Man above was looking down on us weather wise when he supplied us with yet again a great night for running. After a bad night on the very first night this year, have been very fortunate since to have every night dry. Indeed all the last six evenings have been ideal for running. Hopefully when we return after the Christmas breaks the weather will continue in the same vane.

Our R.T.E. camera man was out and about again last Wednesday night and this was his final night of filming for the upcoming Nationwide programme on our league, which we all eagerly look forward to seeing when it hits the T.V. screens on R.T.E. 1 - Monday 9th January after the 6 o'clock news. Winter League Chairman Martin Veale presented cameraman Brian Walsh with a club jacket in thanks for his terrific work over the last three nights filming.

Tonight at the League it's our Annual Charity night when you the runners donate your entry fee to a chosen charity, which this year is the Dungarvan Branch of the Pakistan Earthquake Relief Support Group. If you wish to dig a little deeper into the auld pocket I'm sure all

monies will be most welcome by those unfortunate people and those relief agencies that are trying to help them. We will resume battle then on January 4th same time same place. Waddle on friends!

WINTER LEAGUE CHRISTMAS NIGHT OUT

Don't forget our Christmas get together tonight. The venue this year is the Local Bar on Grattan Square where Helena Byrne and her staff guarantee us a great night, with food and the very best in traditional entertainment. Starting time is 9.30 pm. This will be a cracking night so do come along and

join in the festivities. The All-Ireland marathon medals will be presented tonight also.

TONIGHT 3-MINUTE INTERVAL STARTS

Tonight's league run the final until after Christmas will see the runners going off in groups at 3 minute intervals. This proved a very popular run in previous years and should again tonight see some great battles out the course. As I already said when we return after the Christmas break we will have the Divisional lines drawn and as many say its then the Winter League proper starts. So it's all to play for into the New Year. Waddle on some more friends.

club's top athletes who is currently based at the Curragh Camp in Kildare. Liz Nyhan is showing more improvement running 18.19 last week as is Paul McGrath 16.44. Other runners showing much improvement are Carmel Curran 23.07, Barry O'Sullivan 19.58, Charlie Barry (of Déise water fame) 18.36, Mark Vespa 19.18, Emma Kirwan 21.39, Paula Earley 21.38, Brian Curtin 19.09 and well done to our fastest runner on the night Shane Power 14.52. Shane is making steady progress on his way back to full fitness and is hoping to switch up to the 6 miler after the Christmas break. Good to see you back Shane keep up the good work. Deuglan O Cionnhailidh another name well worth a mention, he ran a terrific time of 15.35 and as uncle Pat said he really pushed the boat out!

PADRAIG KENNEDY IS BACK

Does the name sound familiar to you. Padraig Kennedy, well it should, he is the man in that famous Dublin City Marathon photo of last year, which was used by a national news paper in its advertising for many weeks on every bill board throughout the country and it also featured in the Irish Runner Magazine. Ye you remember the fellow who was talking a little nap on the pavement after finishing the race. He is, of course, popular local teacher Padraig Kennedy who returned to the fold recently after a stint at the auld rugger and a bit of hill walking that brought him climbing mountains in far off distant places like Peru. Well all that's behind him now as he has now returned to doing what comes natural to him, running. The man from Rearcross (I know) in the Co. Tipperary last Wednesday proved to us that non of his fitness has deserted him as he was first home over the 2.7 mile course clocking 16.38. Great to see you back Padraig. Just take it easy on the early morning ones. Eimer Flavin was second home last week and Claire Connors (the only person to step back wards from the 6 miler to the 2.7) was third. (O.K. she has in injury). Ann and Sarah Ledingham are running well over the 2.7 mile league too, following we hope in the footsteps of their brother James one of the

BRENDAN WHELAN ON FIRE

One of the club's latest recruits Brendan Whelan is quickly making a big impact on the local running scene. The Kilmac' dynamo is in terrific form and last Wednesday night at the league ran one of the fastest times ever recorded over the 6 mile course when clocking an impressive 34.14 with only Raivis going quicker on the night 33.19. Brendan or Benny as his friends call him is a Physio by trade and is well known within cycling circles the length and breath of the country as he has worked with the country's top teams in the F.B.D. Rás among other big races. He is also a keen tri-athlete and has finished well up in many big events. He certainly is no mean runner either; we all look forward to him competing for the club. It's interesting to see how the times are improving all round at the league and last week saw fast times from Benny Flynn 42.40, Thomas Dee 48.46, Garrett Byrne is recovering from the marathon well, clocking a handy 37.09 last week. Liam Clinec is another back in the fold and his time 40.40 was a good steady performance from the Stradbally man. Mark McConnell in his wisdom decided to take in the Sea Park-Duckspool circuit twice eventually finishing in 58.30 - it must be that the 6 miles a bit short for him. Then again he might be a bit of a chip off the old block "Ray". Noel



Martin Veale, Chairman Winter League Committee, presents R.T.E. camera man Brian Walsh with a club jacket in thanks for the three nights of filming he did at our Winter League. All filming is now in the bag as they say and the finished article will be aired on R.T.E.1 on Monday January 9th after the 6 o'clock news.

McCarthy's 26.26 will please him as will Regina Byrnes 45.15. Regina was our first lady finisher last week. Dermot Dwyer, considering his recent busy schedule, is still running superbly and last week saw him clock an impressive 38.46, what could he do with a little more training I ask? Owen O'-

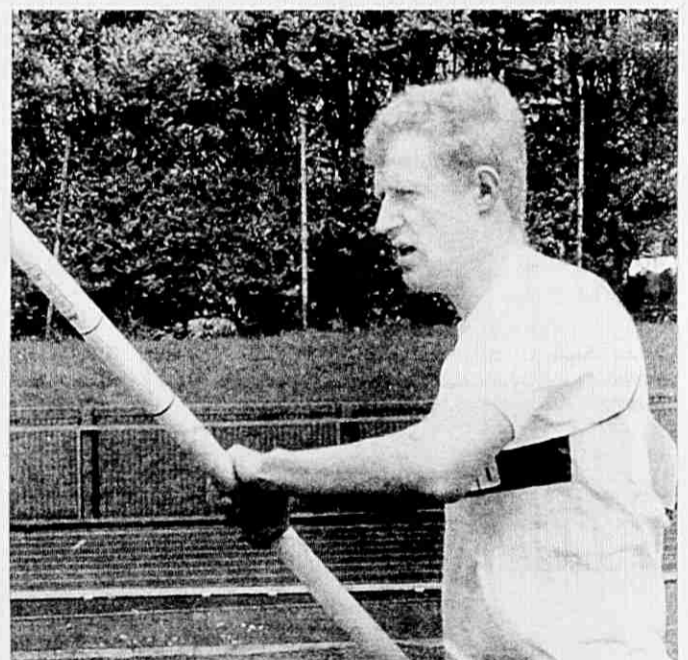
Grady is very close to the sub 40 minute barrier clocking 40.30 last week and Joan Navin was just under the 50 minute mark 49.24. Well done to Joan. John Buckley lead the 6 milers home in 45.26 followed by Thomas Mahony 45.32. Keep up the good work all. (see Wk. 6 results over)



Lined up waiting for the call of duty at the Allrounder Sports Winter League are Tom Shanley, Brian Collins and Brendan Donnelly.



Martin Houlihan, George Hamilton and Jason Dee pictured at the Allrounder Sports Winter League recently.



Pictured above West Waterford pole vaulter Liam Houlihan who won the Irish Intersvarsities with a vault of 4 metres last Sunday in Nenagh.

DUNGARVAN G.A.A. CLUB ST. STEPHEN'S DAY CHARITY FUN RUN SESAME SCHOOL TO BENEFIT

The Annual Dungarvan G.A.A. Club charity fun run takes place on the traditional St. Stephen's morning at 11.30. Always well supported by our members, we hope to see them all out again this years supporting this run with all monies collected going towards this very worthy local charity.

WEST WATERFORD ATHLETIC CLUB NOTES



BALLYCOTTON ENTRY FORMS

The Ballycotton 10 entry forms are available from Ger Wyley Sports Shop. The closing date for entry is January 11, 2006. Don't be fooled by the closing date, its only a few weeks away. Get your entry forms now!



Pictured is West Waterford A.C.'s George Tutty on his final lap at the recent Munster Masters Cross Country Championship in Mungret, Limerick. George was part of the team which won club bronze Munster medals.

WEST WATERFORD A.C. 6 MILE WINTER LEAGUE

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RESULTS Week 6

Pos	Name & Number	Time	Pos	Name & Number	Time
1	086 BUCKLEY, John	0:45:26	59	093 DONNELLY, Brendan	0:43:28
2	112 MAHONEY, Thomas	0:45:32	60	024 HENNESSEY, Michael	0:50:29
3	010 AHEARNE, Aidan	0:48:21	61	183 O'GRADY, Owen	0:40:30
4	114 POWER, Brian	0:48:25	62	037 COLLINS, Brian	0:40:30
5	209 CONNORS, David	0:47:43	63	017 FLEMING, Jim	0:37:01
6	206 BYRNE, Regina	0:45:15	64	039 DWYER, Anthony	0:38:32
7	191 DUNFORD, Michael	0:38:51	65	060 CLARKE, John	0:49:03
8	145 WALSH, Killian	0:44:53	66	036 UI DHUIBHIR, Jennifer	0:48:33
9	103 O'BRIEN, Eoin	0:46:43	67	104 CURRAN, Ray	0:48:07
10	208 MCGRATH, Albert	0:50:19	68	133 CHRISTOPHER, Pat	0:48:08
11	042 BULLEN, Geoff	0:46:20	69	056 BURKE, Ray	0:39:10
12	102 VEALE, James	0:38:57	70	022 WHELAN, Anne	0:43:42
13	178 POWER, Ray (1973)	0:43:04	71	140 O'GORMAN, Paul	0:44:13
14	110 BARRY, James	0:42:07	72	125 KIRWAN, Jenny	0:48:47
15	200 ROCHE, Michael	0:47:42	73	021 TRAVERS, Jason	0:34:18
16	111 DEE, Jason	0:45:14	74	072 BRUNNOCK, Paul	0:43:22
17	066 KEATING, Paul	0:49:46	75	045 NAVIN, Joan	0:49:24
18	113 FLAVIN, Eamonn	0:48:22	76	031 O'MAHONEY, Tony	0:39:25
19	084 KIELY, Thomas	0:40:54	77	025 CONDON, Tom	0:41:26
20	070 HOGAN, Noel	0:44:25	78	029 TUTTY, Kevin	0:53:28
21	111 LEONARD, Karl	0:53:57	79	009 Foley, Tim	0:41:28
22	173 HARTY, Richard	0:37:57	80	100 LENNON, Pat	0:47:30
23	197 CANTWELL, Gerry	0:38:30	81	005 SINNOTT, Fiona	0:49:33
24	063 SHANLEY, Tom	0:47:32	82	170 O'ROURKE, Sinead	0:53:06
25	121 QUINN, Noel	0:48:06	83	101 BEDELL, Tobey	0:41:36
26	076 POWER, Liam (1970)	0:49:38	84	075 TUTTY, Pat	0:45:07
27	207 MURPHY, Tomas	0:52:09	85	092 CLINCE, Liam	0:40:40
28	174 LYNAM, Brett	0:38:10	86	159 COFFEY, Brigid	0:55:12
29	003 HOULIHAN, Martin	0:47:43	87	019 RIORDAN, Patrick	0:37:43
30	012 HAMILTON, George	0:47:44	88	151 POWER, Margaret	0:48:14
31	144 ZAKIS, Raivis	0:33:19	89	126 DEE, Nicola	0:49:14
32	189 SANDFORD, Martin	0:39:52	90	002 FAHY, Brian	0:40:18
33	181 HAYES, Martin	0:39:24	91	136 GAFFNEY, David	0:48:22
34	049 PHELAN, Joy	0:51:56	92	064 HARNNEY, Mary	0:55:24
35	040 O'GRADY, Thomas	0:45:57	93	020 SHANLEY, Alice	0:54:25
36	085 FRISBY, Pat	0:43:28	94	067 NAVIN, Earl	0:44:59
37	168 Nolan, Pdraig	0:44:59	95	128 MCCARTHY, Anthony	0:45:01
38	073 NUGENT, Paula	0:57:59	96	122 RIORDAN, Derek	0:49:03
39	108 NUGENT, Gillian	0:58:30	97	137 MURRAY, Liz	0:49:34
40	096 KIRWAN, Bryan	0:41:32	98	079 WALL, Norma	0:43:39
41	058 COLEMAN, Billy	0:41:33	99	006 FLYNN, Benny	0:43:40
42	023 UI CHUIRRIN, Josie	0:45:36	100	115 DUNFORD, Ann	0:43:42
43	138 KAVANAGH, Liam	0:41:37	101	051 WHELAN, Carol	0:49:48
44	038 TUTTY, George	0:44:07	102	034 WYLEY, Ger	0:40:19
45	192 EARLEY, Pat	0:44:08	103	172 MASON, Trevor	0:35:50
46	201 BYRNE, Garrett	0:37:09	104	054 MCCARTHY, Christine	0:56:25
47	116 HALLISSEY, Bryan	0:47:40	105	087 BANNON, Aisling	0:46:31
48	015 DEEGAN, Michael	0:46:12	106	065 O'NEILL, Dermot	0:37:03
49	156 WHELAN, Brendan	0:34:14	107	048 POWER, Paddy	0:42:39
50	134 DWYER, Ray	0:38:45	108	166 DEE, Thomas	0:48:46
51	130 O'RIORDAN, Eoin	0:38:15	109	164 HANRAHAN, Judy	0:46:17
52	013 DWYER, Dermot	0:38:46	110	061 WRIGHT, Esther	0:44:28
53	129 MOLONEY, Michael	0:41:48	111	059 RYAN, Dermot	0:47:38
54	142 VEALE, Brid	0:47:20	112	205 LUCEY, John	0:42:26
55	124 DEE, Michael	0:40:21	113	141 WATERS, Liam	0:43:40
56	081 CURRAN, Martin	0:43:53	114	043 LENANE, Caroline	1:03:59
57	068 HEARNE, Nuala	0:54:24	115	113 MCCONNELL, Mark	0:58:30
58	127 MCCARTHY, Noel	0:46:26	116	001 DUNFORD, Pat	0:40:35

WEST WATERFORD A.C. 2.6 MILE WINTER LEAGUE

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RESULTS Week 6

POS	NAME & NUMBER	TIME	60	672 CASEY, Seamus <th>0:21:33</th>	0:21:33
1	860 BUCKLEY, John	0:16:24	61	676 Kennedy, Alan	0:17:00
2	826 KENNEDY, Pdraig	0:16:38	62	689 O'CONNOR, Hugh	0:19:45
3	817 FLAVIN, Eimear	0:25:04	63	697 BUDDS, Niamh	0:21:55
4	877 CONNORS, Claire	0:22:36	64	694 BURKE, Michael (1976)	0:23:35
5	621 MCCARTHY, Stephanie	0:18:51	65	858 HOULIHAN, Eoin	0:18:18
6	654 FAHEY, Anthony	0:18:21	66	660 KELLY, Richard	0:19:42
7	831 CAMPBELL, Aine	0:20:09	67	825 CUNNINGHAM, Deirdre	0:21:31
8	829 SHEEHAN, Elaine	0:21:32	68	651 HOURIGAN, Carmel	0:23:41
9	816 BUCKLEY, Jacinta	0:28:57	69	703 HARTY, Josie	0:22:24
10	865 NYHAN, Liz	0:18:19	70	710 ENRIGHT, Grainne	0:19:38
11	874 RUSSELL, Caroline	0:21:47	71	844 POWER, Michael	0:16:45
12	818 COLLINS, Joe	0:22:05	72	718 O'BRIEN, Vinny	0:18:11
13	630 O'RIORDAN, Jason	0:22:50	73	872 KEANE, John	0:23:13
14	869 NI MHURCHADHA, Sinead	0:28:22	74	678 BARRY, Peter	0:18:48
15	715 SHEEHAN, Anne	0:21:43	75	670 O'SULLIVAN, Collette	0:22:36
16	845 DOWER, Avila	0:26:03	76	608 FEENEY, Aine	0:20:15
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Touraneena Racquetball Club Notes

RICHARD WHITMORE WINTER LEAGUE

The local Winter League which is sponsored by Richard Whitmore Painter & Decorator is coming near its conclusion with most grades down to semi-finals or finals. The presentation night is currently being organised and details will be made known soon.

In the division 1 grade, International Senior player, Triston Hickey will take on Sean Dalton in one semi-final while Junior International, Julie Skehan will play Pat Keane in the other one. The plate section of this grade is at the quarter final stage and there is going to be some good racquetball played before we will know the eventual winner. Ray Moore takes on Maurice Walsh with the winner playing the victor of the Garvan Dunford/James Power encounter in the semi-final. Another junior International player, Eileen Hickey will have to overcome the challenge of Eanna Power to earn a place in the semi against Ronan Dunford.

Seanie Kearns is the division 2 champion after seeing off John Dalton in the final. The plate final is an eagerly awaited contest between club chairman, Pat Dalton and Tom Gleeson. Records state that Pat usually comes out on top but a shock could well be on the cards here. Conor Skehan is in the final of the division 3 grade. On the other side of the draw, Christine

Cliffe and Claire Dalton must play in the quarter with the winner playing Gemma Cliffe in the semi.

John Murphy has ruled supreme in division 4 with a hard earned victory over Aaron Lonergan. Aaron, who is improving the whole time, pushed John all the way, just losing out 11-9 in the deciding tiebreaker. In the semi-finals of the plate competition, Thomas Lonergan plays Clodagh Kearns and Conor Tobin plays Mike Kearns.

Shane Organ goes to battle with Jack Skehan in the final of division 5 while Jonathan Carroll overcame Luke Whitmore in the final of the plate competition. Aoife Walsh and Aisling Hallinan will battle it out for the division 6 title while in the plate; Eibhilin Hennessy takes on Roisin Walsh.

Dearbhaile Skehan faces Gearoid Hallinan in the division 7 decider while in the plate; Dean Carroll will play the winner of the Abbie Dalton/Aaron Power encounter.

Non Stop Draw

4 draws have now been held in our 10week non stop draw. Kate Whelan has already had 2 winners in Conor Tierney and Cleona Whelan. Alana Coyne was the promoter of her own win on week 2 while last week Luke Whitmore was the promoter for Kay Barry's win.

The draw takes place every Thursday night in the Community Centre at 9 o'clock.

West Waterford Chess Club Notes

The Munster League division three campaign for the West Waterford B & C teams got off to a disappointing start with both teams going down 5-0 to very strong Cork teams at the Gold Coast last Sunday. For the C team, it was Munster League debut time for Ailis Pollock, Conor Crotty and Laurie Power. Cearbhall Turraoin and Kevin Burke were on table 1 and 2 but they all succumbed to the experienced Cork side. Similarly, the B team got whitewashed with Bernard Walsh on board 1 beaten by Dan O'Halloran, Ivor Gordan (board 2), lost to Tom Hickey, Pat O'Mahony (board 3), lost to Aonghus Gannon, John Lucey (board 4), lost to Anne Coughlan, and Andy McLintock on board 5 lost to Michael Bradley - some great matches but no win.



The turkey competitions (how suitable is that?) are going ahead apace at the moment and winners will emerge in the next week or so before Christmas. Juniors continue meeting Monday nights 7 pm at St. Laurence's tennis clubhouse, Ballinroad and seniors at "The Lady Belle" Wednesday nights from 8 pm onwards.

WEST WATERFORD JUVENILE ATHLETIC CLUB NOTES

Another Great Day For West Waterford Athletes At All Ireland Championships

The even ages section of the All-Ireland Championships were held in ideal conditions in Athlone on Sunday last. Underfoot conditions were good and this led to some very fast races, even the uphill sections of the course didn't seem to slow the athletes down. West Waterford athletes were well represented among the medal winners as individual in the inter club, inter county and inter provincial competitions.

DAVID EARLEY FIRST OFF HIS MARKS

David Earley was first in action in the boys U-12. This race set off at a very fast pace with David on 58 positions as they began the narrow uphill section of the course where it was very difficult to pass anyone once on the wide down hill section.



David Earley who competed in the Boys U-12 at last Sunday's All Ireland Championships.

David sprinted for home and passed many of his rivals to finish in 30th place.

MUNSTER GOLD FOR DANIEL MCCARTHY AS U-14 BOYS TAKE SILVER TEAM MEDALS

The U-14 boys was the most successful race for the club.

In the boys U-14 race Daniel McCarthy was in the top 20 throughout the race and came home in 15th place. As in Sligo he was an incoming member of the Munster team but this time the colour of the medal was different as Munster won the inter provincial competition and Daniel collected a gold medal.

There was some great team running in this race with each of our young runners sprinting to the line and making up places in the final section of the course which gave them a combined scene of 178 pts enough to take silver behind Munster champions Ennis track altogether a very strong Munster performance in this race. They finished Tom Curran (40), Jim Curran (54) Lughaidh O'Mahony (69), Darragh O'Riordan (93), Michael Tutty (115).

WEST WATERFORD GIRLS PERFORM WELL IN VERY LAST RACE

With five international athletes dictating the pace this race was fast from start to finish with no let up on the hills over the two laps. Despite suffering from a heavy head cold Shona Curran led her team home in 28th place (2 places better than last year) next came Jenny Hurley (31) who continues to improve with each outing. They were strongly supported by a determined Elme Nugent (60) and Michelle McCarthy (67) and Julie Buest (82) getting the better of Niamh O'Riordan (92) on the day. The team was rounded off by Eimer Scanlon in (110) place.

INDIVIDUAL AND MUNSTER COUNTY MEDAL FOR MARK SHALLOE AS ALAN AKEHURST TAKES FIRST ALL IRELAND MEDAL

In the boys U-16 Mark Shalloe ran a very strong race. Always in the top 10 he ran with the second bunch throughout the race and finished 7th to take an individual medal. Mark was also a scoring member of the Munster team that took second and the Waterford team who took third to come home with three medals on the day. Also a scoring member of the Waterford team was Alan Akehurst (54). This was a big improvement for Alan on his Munster performance and he was rewarded with his first All-Ireland medal. David Phelan



Diarmuid O'Foghlú who won a bronze medal with Waterford at Sunday's All Ireland Championships.

(58) was just unlucky to finish outside the medals as he was the seventh scoring member of the team.

COUNTY MEDAL FOR DIARMUID O'FOGHLU

In the boys U-18 where again the pace was dictated by a group of young internationals. Diarmuid O'Foghlú found the pace tough going but he stuck

to the task in hand with great determination and was a scoring member of the Waterford team that took bronze medals.

BREAK FROM TRAINING

We will have a welcome break from training over the Christmas period to give athletes and coaches a chance to

recharge their batteries. We start back on Tuesday 3rd Jan. at the Sports Centre at 8 pm and Friday 6th January 7 pm at the Friary (high visibility jackets) in preparation for the All Ireland B and the schools championships.

Happy Christmas to everyone and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Boys Under-14 silver medalists at the All Ireland Cross Country in Athlone last weekend. Photo shows front row (l. to r.) Darragh O'Riordan, Michael Tutty and Lughaidh O'Mahony. Back (l. to r.) Jim Curran, Tom Curran and Daniel McCarthy



Girls Under-16 who competed in the All Ireland Cross Country Championships in Athlone over the weekend. Front row (l. to r.) Michelle McCarthy, Niamh O'Riordan, Eimear Scanlon. Back row (l. to r.) Julia Buest, Jenny Hurley, Elma Nugent and Shona Curran.

Abbeyside A.F.C. Notes

FIXTURES

U-12 Kilmac' v Abbeyside at 10.30 a.m.

U-16 Ballinroad v Abbeyside at 2.15 p.m.

RESULTS

U-16 SFAI 3rd Round St. Joseph's (Wexford) 1 Abbeyside 0.

U-12 De La Salle 0 Abbeyside 2.

U-16 MATCH NOTES

SFAI 3rd round

St. Joseph's (Wexford) 1 Abbeyside 0

This was a very long trip to Wexford on Saturday last, but it didn't show at first as we started very well creating plenty of chances. Late into stoppage time in the first half however Kearney was forced to make a super save to keep the scores at 0-0.

Second half we got caught on the counter attack and Joseph's scrapped a scrappy goal, with what was 1 of only 2 chances they had. We pushed for an equaliser but to be fair Joseph's keeper was outstanding on the day.

Team — Kearney, S. Fehilly, C. Kiely, Healy (capt), Slater, C. Kinghorn, Crotty, McCullagh, O'Mahoney, A. Kiely, D. Power. Subs; J. Power, M. O'Connor, S. Kinghorn, M. Fehilly, Burke, Sheehan.

Man of the match Sean Fehilly.

Just a note to ask all parents and Abbeyside supporters to come give their support to our U-16's who travel to Ballinroad on Saturday. We need as much support as we can get on the day and it would be greatly appreciated.

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New Business Co-Ordinate Comes Under Fire

Cllr. Geoghegan Says He Has "No Faith" In Development Executive

By Kevin Kirrane
Fine Gael Cllr Damien Geoghegan, who represents the Dungarvan electoral area on Waterford Co Council, was highly critical of comments made recently by the newly appointed Business Development Executive, Mr Brian O'Rafferty.

Mr O'Rafferty was appointed earlier this year by the Co Council, following the announcement by Waterford Crystal of its decision to cease manufacturing the world famous crystal brand at its Dungarvan plant.

Mr O'Rafferty, who has a special responsibility for Dungarvan Town, was appointed on a two-year contract by Waterford Co Council, and his brief includes putting in place a strategy that would help develop existing industry and attract new industry to the area.

Cllr Geoghegan was reacting to reports in the local media the previous week, during which it was stated that Mr. O'Rafferty presented a speech to the Dungarvan and West Waterford Chamber of Commerce Christmas lunch, during which he claimed that "thousands" of new jobs could be created if 4 marinas were provided locally.

Cllr Geoghegan, who was speaking during the course of the December meeting of the Council, which was held on Monday afternoon last, stated that "if a Councillor or T.D. had made a similar claim, they would be laughed at!"

Cllr Geoghegan also went on to say that he would have "no faith" in an official who made such a claim and also requested that Mr. O'Rafferty be called upon to provide a written report to Councillors outlining his views.

Speaking to the Dungarvan Leader following the meeting, Cllr Geoghegan stated that "members of the public are not that gullible and many had expressed disbelief when the story was reported. What we need following the closure the closure of Dungarvan Crystal is a realistic and positive approach to job creation locally and not some sort of pipe-dream."

Labour councillor, Teresa Wright said action and not plans are in needed in response to the closure while her party colleague, Cllr. Billy Kyne also expressed deep concerns over the comments.

Director of Services, Brian White said: "If the plans are a bit too ambitious then I'm sure they can be scaled back."

Responding to the arguments, Mr. Rafferty said he hoped to see the development of four marinas, which could create one thousand new jobs.

"It's a well known fact that for every ship berthed a job is created. With a thousand berths we would be looking at one thousand new jobs." He said he will be making a presentation to councillors on next Monday night on his strategy for job creation.

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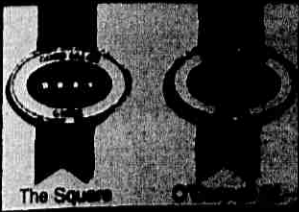


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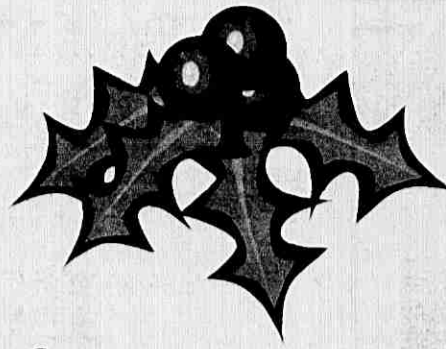
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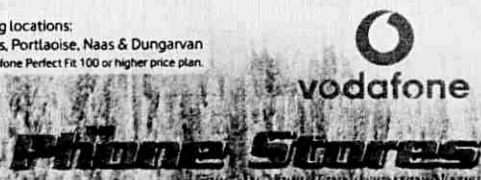
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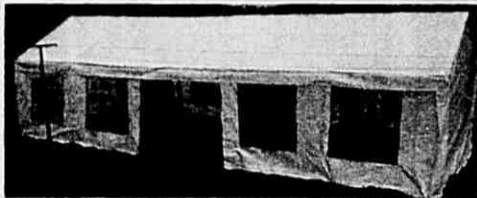
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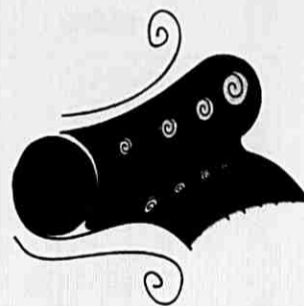
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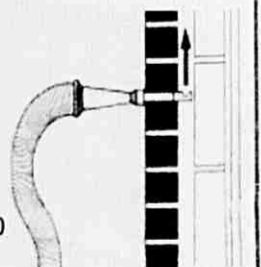


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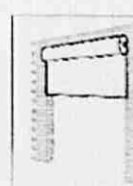
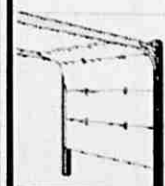
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