

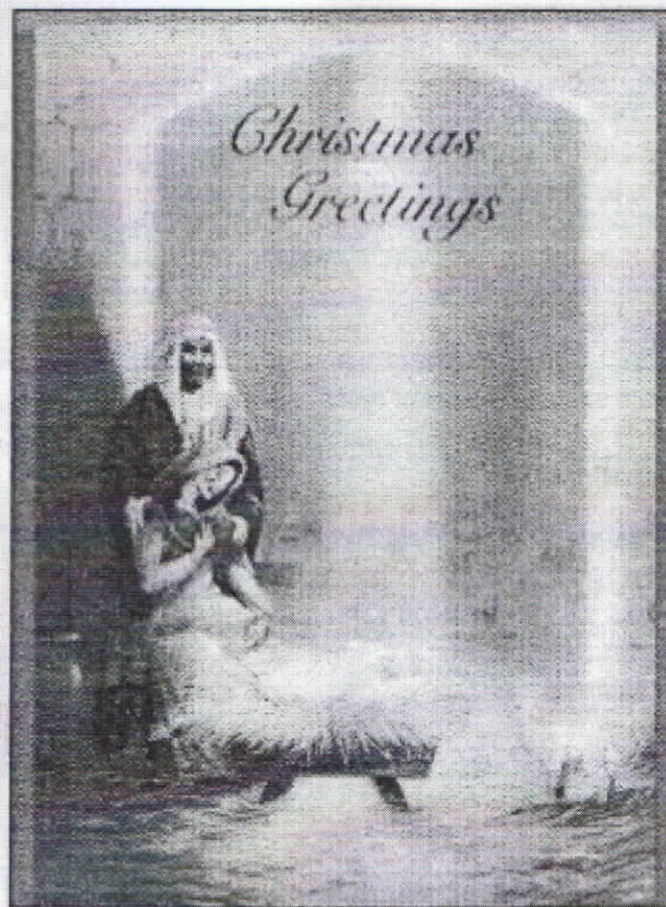
Milltown Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS 1995



**A Happy and Holy Christmas
to all our Readers**



Editorial

Welcome to the eight issue of the Milltown Newsletter which coincides with being our Christmas Edition. This is the third Christmas season that we have celebrated since our first publication in Summer 1993 and we wish to thank everybody who has contributed in any way to the continued success of it.

Christmas is always a time of reflection when we think of the year gone by, the year ahead and indeed our hopes for the future. It can be a time of joy as families re-unite even for a few days or a time of sadness as those no longer with us are noticeable by their absence.

As usual at this time of the year we take this opportunity to wish you our loyal readers, supporters and friends a Happy and a Holy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. Special greetings go to Milltown people living away from home both in Ireland and overseas. A sincere thank you to all our contributors of articles, photos and ideas and also to our advertisers.

Nollaig Fíor Shona díbh go léir.

— Newsletter Team

This issue features the ever-popular Pete Coyne in "The Hot Seat" spot and includes articles on "A Day in the Life of a Senior Citizen", "Parish Quiz", "A Short Story", "A Tribute to retired teacher Nancy Garvey", the launch of Christy Molloy's new book "Milltown Sketches" and some photographs from the past.

Christmas Day

O God this is a wonderful morning!

The very thought of all the children we know, in the many homes we know, opening their stockings, and giving and receiving gifts fill us with joy. Let us not be so full of our own affairs—giving and receiving gifts, preparing meals, and perfecting decorations, that we forget the Christ-child whose birthday this is. Let us not be so busy with our friends and family, that we spare no thought for the humble home of Nazareth, and for the homeless and the lonely ones no distance from where we are. Widen our circle to make room for those hungry for love as much as for food; then let us spare a gift of money for the refugees, for the orphans and victims of disaster and loss.

So let the gift of your Son enrich all our giving and receiving this day; and let the joy we share be as reverent and as real as that of those who came first to his manger bed. So let this wonderful morning open out into a wonderful day for us all and for those we care about.

Maureen McCormack
Kilgevrin

*David Flaherty
from Cloonagh
who hooked this
pike and with the
help of Paul Tulip
pulled it to the
river bank. It was
approximately 3'
long and 20 lbs.
weight.*



The Hot Seat



Full Name: Peter Joseph Coyne.

Occupation: Retired Bacon Factory Employee and Farmer.

Favourite Food: Bacon, Cabbage and Potatoes.

Favourite Drink: Guinness – I enjoy a good pint.

Memory of First Dance: My oldest sister Bridie R.I.P. took me to Tailor Rhattigans Hall, Coole at the age of 16 years.

It cost 1 shilling and 3 pence. Local lads played the music including Sonnie Walsh.

First Job: Worked for the County Council on the roads in 1933 – a few years on I went to Lincoln (England) potato and beet picking.

Earliest Memory: I remember buying a herring-bone suit and a military mackintosh coat just before I made my first trip home from England, and wasn't I the proud man wearing these. That was in 1939.

Favourite Pastimes: I enjoyed cycling and won the Connacht Champion in the 40's. In my younger days I played football and played with six different clubs. Now I enjoy watching cycling, Gaelic football and sometimes boxing on T.V.

Favourite Songs: Lovely Derry and Danny Boy.

Favourite T.V. Programmes: Glenroe, Crime Watch and News.

Favourite Actor/Actress: Joe Lynch and Moira Deady.

Person you most Admired: My late wife Birdie.

Favourite Colour: Maroon and White.

Favourite Quotation: "Pull out the choke – you're sucking diesel now".

What is your greatest regret: No regrets.

Do you play a musical instrument: I play the mouth organ a little – I used to play the accordion until I got a touch of arthritis in the finger joints.

Favourite Singer: Mick Conlon from Clare.

What was your worst moment at school: The day I broke one of the school windows. For punishment I was put standing up on the window for one and a half hours looking out.

Biggest changes you have seen over the years: The change from the oil lamp to electricity, the television and mainly all the different types of farm machinery.

Happiest Moment: The day I got married.

If you won the lotto: I would take care of my family and give some to the poor.

Person you admire locally: Christy Molloy – I've enjoyed reading his new book.

Town Twinning

History was made in September when a group of Welsh visitors from the town of Llanddarog for their first trip to Milltown. The towns had officially twinned earlier this year and a delegation from Milltown had already made a trip to Wales where they received a wonderful welcome from their Hosts who spared no effort in making their fellow-Celts feel at home.

Accordingly, the Irish visit was a challenge to the local people who pulled out all the stops to reciprocate the hospitality they received in Llanddarog. A full programme was planned for the visitors who arrived on Friday, September 8th and stayed until Monday 11th after a farewell party in the Day Care Centre.

On their arrival the visitors were treated to refreshments in the Centre and were then taken to the houses where they were to stay. That night saw them attend a visit to Sheridan's Lounge before going for an unforgettable night of fun and musical entertainment in Ryans where the visitors themselves made a name for themselves with the admiring locals.

Saturday started with a visit to St. Mary's Church of Ireland cathedral in Tuam and was followed by a shopping trip to Galway. On their return to Milltown a magnificent feast of bacon, cabbage and potatoes with added extras – the traditional Irish dinner – was cooked by Mary Birmingham, Anne Costello, Anne Sheridan and Trudi Varley under the supervision of overseer John Hehir and head waiters Cathal Sheridan and Tony Murphy was cooked and eaten with relish (Yorkshire Relish).

After a rest the party met at Hynes, Hideaway Bar for a fireside chat and later went on to Mullarkey's Lounge where the appreciative audience found out why Welsh singing is so respected and admired all over the world. Their song and their singing left an indelible mark on all who heard them.

On Sunday the party met at the Day Care Centre at noon and headed for a tour of Connemara which started with a visit to Ashford Castle and also took in Croagh Patrick and Ballinrobe races. The day ended with a fabulous meal and exchange of presents by hosts and guests and a visit to Sheridan's Lounge where the popular group Atlantic Country supplied the music and entertainment and the visitors again made their presence felt and many locals also contributed.

Monday brought an end to the visit and further gifts were presented by local businessmen Bryan Flannery and Joe Ryan before the visitors bade farewell and ended an unforgettable weekend for both themselves and their hosts. Hopefully it was the first of many such visits.



ROW IN SHEBEEN ENDS IN TRAGEDY

This tragic event was not reported in the 'TUAM HERALD' because that paper was not to appear until 24 years later. We learn of it from letters of a local magistrate Michael Bermingham, Dalgin to William Gregory of Dublin Castle. The date was April 11th, 1814 the year Napoleon was exiled to Elba. On that day a group of men from Dalgin went to the shebeen of Patrick O'Toole in Lack (Russelstown).

A shebeen was a shop in a house not licensed to sell intoxicating liquor but where it was sold secretly and illicitly. In the first quarter of the 19th century there were thousands of shebeens in Ireland. Frequently they were miserable wayside cabins remote from a police barracks. Frequently too, the owners were poverty-stricken landless folk, shebeen operators not by choice, but of harsh necessity.

The Dalgin group, after some 'beeks' in the shebeen adjourned to a barn adjoining the shebeen. Here in the company of a piper they made merry, drinking and dancing. Later three men from Russelstown, Patrick Walsh, John Walsh and Matthias Walsh arrived. Whether or not they were related we are not told.

After some drinks, they too, fell under the spell of the piper. They entered the barn intent on coaxing or cajoling the piper to return to the shebeen with them. To this the Dalgin men objected and a row ensued. Michael Kealy of Dalgin struck Patrick Walsh on the head with a stone knocking him senseless. Michael Cullinane of Cormeelick and Jas. Mulkeerane of Russelstown carried the injured man home. Two days later he died from his injuries.

An inquest was held on the body of Patrick Walsh on the 17th of April, 1814. Paul Mannion was the coroner. On the jury were Martin Kirwan, Jas. Moran, Hugh O'Neill, Peter Geoghegan, Ml. Tougher, Edmund Lovelock, Ulick McDonnell, Francis Waldron, Thomas Hughes, Robert Bell and William Burke.

The following was the verdict: "We find the deceased came by his death by a stroke of a stone received from Ml. Kealy, aided and abetted by Jas. Cuddye, Ml. Cuddye, Thomas Quinn, Mark Kealy and D. Kealy"

The following letter of Ml. Bermingham tells of the flight of Ml. Kealy:

AFFRAY AT LACK OR RUSSELSTOWN. 11/4/1814.

To Wm. Gregory Esq.
Dublin Castle.

Dalgin, Tuam.
20th April, 1814

Sir,

I request you will have the goodness to inform His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant that in consequences of an affray which took place in this neighbourhood on the 11th, inst. one of the party of the name Patk. Walsh died (on the 15th, inst.) of the wound which he received in the scuffle from a Ml. Kealy.

On the 13th I went to the poor unfortunate man's house to receive his information, which was entirely against Ml. Kealy, and he has not made the slightest charge against any other of the party that were in the quarrel. Yet while there on that day Ml. Kealy fled.

On the 17th there was a coroner's inquest held on the body and they found that deceased came by his death by a stroke of a stone received from Ml. Kealy who was aided and abetted by Thos. Cuddye, Ml. Cuddye, Mark Kealy, David Kealy and Thos. Quinn.

I am, at this moment, informed that Ml. Kealy is gone off with the intention of going to Demerara or some other foreign country. The others I have no doubt of catching. I know they are not far out of this neighbourhood and I have persons in private pursuit. Ml. Kealy, I dread, will escape all my vigilance unless resisted by the immediate orders of Government to all ports and harbours in the Kingdom to stop him. I pray to hear from you on what next is to be done and what ought further to be done by me as a Magistrate.

Your humble and ob. servant,

Ml. Bermingham.

Description of Michael Kealy: (by Ml. Bermingham).

He is a tall, loose-made man about five feet ten or eleven inches, fair complexion, rather pale, with grey eyes, brown hair, rather fair, falters in his utterances sometimes, wears a blue or bottle green coat. He walks loosely with a swagger. He is, I am informed, to change his name but I could not learn what name he intends to travel with.

Unfortunately no further documents could be found that would inform us about the sequel to this tragic death. To allege, as Ml. Bermingham does in his letter, that Ml. Kealy would have considered seeking refuge far, far away in Demerara seems incomprehensible until we recall that Kealy's former landlord, Sean Rua Bermingham, owned sugar plantations there. These he is reputed to have come into possession of by marriage. Dalgan folk would have known of Demerara by repute if not at first hand.

Music & Films Quiz

1. Who sings Miss Sarajevo with U2?
2. Who sings About Eliza Day?
3. What band sing the song - An Angel and Where do they Live (country)?
4. Who sings - I'd Lie for You?
5. Who sings - Gangsta's Paradise?
6. What is the last song to be recorded by Freddie Mercury?
7. What song made T.L.C. famous.
8. Boyzone's new release - Father and Son - who was the original performer of the song?
9. What Irish actor stars with Jessica Lang and Tim Roth in the film - Rob Roy?
10. Name the film about a lethal virus starring Dustin Hoffman.
11. What underwater film stars Denzel Washington and Gene Hackman?
12. Supermodel Natasha Hensridge stars with Ben Kingsley in a film about an alien, what is it?
13. What new film stars Patrick Swayze?
14. Jim Carrey stars in Dumb and Dumber, what was his other big film?
15. Who is the star who thinks he is the greatest lover in Don Juan de Marco?
16. A famous super hero had a tragic accident when he was paralysed after falling from a horse. What is his name?

Milltown Gymkhana '95



Martin Singleton



Up and over!



James Harley, Eamon Callaghan and Anne Harley enjoying a well earned rest.



L.-R. Pdraig McHugh, Niall Forde, John Sheridan - Morning after the night before



Pete Devaney



Peter Walsh with baby Mark



One man and his dog!



Peter McGuinness, Ailis & Brigid Concannon, Dette McGuinness

A Day in the Life of a Senior Citizen

*Eh, deary me, them household chores!
There's dust all over me ledges,
I ought to clean the lot of them
Or go and buy some veges.
The wind is cold,
I'm growing old,
Indoors its dull and lonely.
Them veges I must buy, although
I need one cabbage only.
And if there isn't one, no matter...
I'll skip the chores and have a natter.*

As a member of the Golden Oldies Club, I want to say how nice it is to be part of this company when we meet for three hours at the Day Centre every Thursday. Starting off we are a privileged lot to have this soothing and lovely oasis to visit once a week, where people meet people and indulge in conversation, comparing prices of one kind and another and of times now past and gone. It is nice to have memories, particularly good ones and one feels so grateful to be in the happy position of being able to enjoy them now. A family atmosphere permeates our get togethers where shared interests and concerns and light hearted banter is the order of the day.

It was said that the Day Centre was built by Old Fogies for Old Fogies, however, although the group attending here each Thursday may be advancing in years they are decidedly young at heart. They share a confidence and resilience with lots to look forward to in the future.

There are the avid 25 Card Players, who hurry to take their place with the more skillful ones in order to obtain right of residence at a particular table. There are others, who like myself, play to amuse and entertain one another with the evening passing all too quickly. We listen to taped music and have the occasional Sing Along as the mood dictates.

There is the half-way break for tea and nourishing food. This comes for a basic charge of £1. It is served by gracious and willing ladies, who attend so faithfully when their day comes round for this duty. We owe them lots of gratitude.

It was a big achievement for everybody this summer to get a bus running to convey people to and from the Day Centre. It can be so uplifting to travel along the winding roads of the countryside during those hazy sunny days of summer and autumn. Kevin, our driver, is great with his special brand of witticism as he regales us with Bingo wins and current news.

We regrettably lost Bridie Fahy, a dear friend and one of our travelling companions, last August, when life seemed to be at its best for her. We remember her this month. May she rest in peace.

We regard our club as for the over 55's and anybody in this category is welcome to join on any Thursday.

The Senior Citizens Party was held this year on the 8th December where we had a great day with music, story and song.

Croi Suimhneach.



Mary Varley, Maureen Steede, Mary Huane, Delia Connolly.



Chrissie McGagh, Nellie Walsh, Una Burke Daley, Kathleen Walsh, Julia Walsh, Maureen McCormick, Francie Blake, Mary Ellen Nicholson.

Book Launch

On Wednesday, September 6th, Christy Molloy's book "Milltown Sketches" was launched with a Cheese and Wine reception at Milltown Day Care Centre. It was the culmination of many long and painstaking hours of research by a dedicated writer. It immediately became a best-seller in the region and is now in a second print.

As the author himself pointed out it was not a history as such but a series of sketches about local and national happenings from the 19th and 20th centuries in particular. The book was greeted with immediate acclaim by all who bought it and got favourable reviews in all local newspapers. On behalf of all who have read your book we offer our heartfelt thanks for a book that will be treasured forever by Milltown people at home and abroad.

The occasion drew a large and enthusiastic audience. After being introduced by local businessman Frank Glynn the official launch was performed by Christy's friend and neighbour Paul Heaney who spoke with wit and eloquence to the appreciation of all present.



Thank You

During the summer months Belmont National School enjoyed somewhat of a face-lift. Workers on the FÁS scheme, under the able supervision of Pádraic Coyne, re-decorated the interior and exterior of the school.

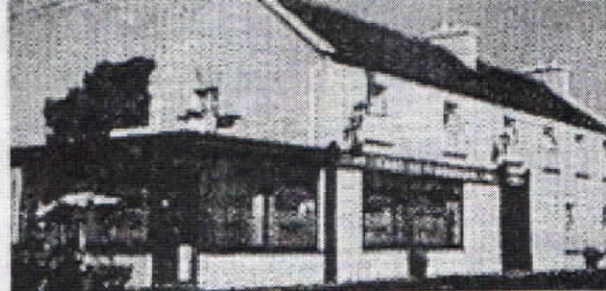
The Board of Management, staff and pupils would like to express their thanks for the excellent work done. The FÁS scheme is of great benefit to schools for such projects.

Eleanor Sheridan

Teach Uí Sioradáin

Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway

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Friday 22nd December:

Final of Card Games

Saturday 23rd December:

Darts and Pool Competitions

Christmas Eve:

Customers Christmas Draw

St. Stephen's Night:

Music and Dancing to
Simple Truth

New Year's Eve:

Ring in 1996
Sing-a-long in Front Lounge
Music and Dancing to *Five Star Brandy*
in Sheridan's Singing Lounge.
GOOD NIGHT GUARANTEED - ALL WELCOME

January 4th:

Christmas Table Quiz

January 5th:

21st Birthday Party
(Congratulations Adrian Molloy)

January 6th:

Music and Dancing to
State Line

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Social and Personal 1995

BIRTHS:

Michael Lynagh, Cartron, Milltown.
Hannah Costello, Cartron, Milltown.

ENGAGEMENTS:

Martin Mullins, Burrish, and Margaret Gannon, Foxford.
Mary Concannon, Russellstown, Darren Keadin, Cloonfad.
Marian Varley, Belmont, P.J. Kavanagh, Roundfort.

MARRIAGES:

Tommy Walsh, Liskeavy and Bernie Ahearne, Ballinasloe.
Eddie Forde, Liskeavy to Kathy McDonagh, Oranmore.
Pat Garvey, Carrarea and Imelda Treacy, Ardnagall.
Fiona Larney, Musicfield and Peter Keane, Dubin.
Marriasa Heaney, Ballyglass and Shane McCarty, Limerick.

DEATHS:

Michael Costello, Cloondalgin.
Mrs. Donnelly, Ballyglass.
Mrs. McHugh, Tonemoyle.
Delia Kennedy, Lehid.
William Burke, Cartron, Milltown.

ANNIVERSARIES

40th: Congratulations Christy and Breda Molloy.
25th: Congratulations Tom and Margaret Leonard.

Wishing all our Customers and Friends a Happy and Peaceful Christmas

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A Cautionary Tale of a Mug

I want you to make Jim's acquaintance. Jim is 40 something, unmarried, a carpenter by trade, neat and methodical in everything he does. He's a quiet man. He goes about his work in his own efficient way and doesn't intrude on anyone. Though far from being a talkative individual, he can be good company over a quiet drink, at the weekend.

For a normally mild mannered man, he has one failing. He can blow a fuse and fly into a violent temper on occasions. Would you perhaps know anyone like Jim? I'll tell you a story about Jim, a story with a moral. Methodical man, that he is, Jim washed out his blue and white mug after each tea break and then placed it on the exact same spot, on a high shelf in the workshop. It was only missing from there, when it was in Jim's fist.

Now Maguire was a bit of a lad, and one evening as we were finishing off, he committed an unpardonable crime, he hid Jim's mug. Next day at tea break, Jim missed his mug. He stared in disbelief for a couple of moments and then turned to us. "Did any of ye take my mug", he queried, his voice cold and hard. There was a chorus of "No Jim". The search began. It was a long search. Jim began to curse and swear, damn and blast, planks were kicked out of his way and bits of timber hurled violently aside. Finally the search ended. As he snatched up his mug Jim spotted the straits in Maguire's face. "You b****d" he roared, and hurled the mug at Maguire's head. It missed by a hair's breadth and exploded on the wall. Jim stormed out of the workshop, damning us all to hell. Tension and silence prevailed for the rest of the day.

Jim travels to and from work with me. Few words were exchanged on our homeward journey. I wondered if he'd arrive next morning. He did, seemingly his old calm and collected self. As we journeyed on, he said, "I didn't sleep all night, thinking about Maguire and that bloody mug. I could have knocked the eye out of his head, not that I'd be too sorry, but it could have put me out of house and home. I'm too hot-headed and I swore I'd never again lose the cool". Did Jim keep his oath? As far as we're concerned he did, but then we have been careful not to arouse his ire.

As I said there's a moral in this story. If by chance you too can over react and explode occasionally, forget the resolutions about the fags and the booze and the calories, and like Jim resolve to button your lip and control your anger when things go wrong and you're frustrated. I'll let you into a secret. I too, am one of the hot-headed brigade. Can you guess what my new year resolution will be?

A happy, calm and cool New Year to you all.

Fiery Fred

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Aromatherapy is a relaxing massage using essential oils. Each ailment is treated with suitable oils. It is beneficial for back pain, muscular tension, arthritis, rheumatism, stress, and improves muscle tone and circulation. Examples: - e.g. Uplifting oils - Eucalyptus, Lemongrass. Relaxing oils - Lavender, Neroli.

Donna Flatley, from Claremorris, is no newcomer to Milltown having conducted aerobic classes in Sheridan's Lounge previously. As well as being a trained aerobics instructor, Donna is also a qualified beauty therapist/reflexologist/aromatherapist with I.T.E.C. and C.I.D.E.S.C.O. qualifications.

Donna is in Milltown Day Care Centre on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month.

For more information contact Donna at (094) 71071.

**Milltown
Tidy Towns Committee
request your help in
keeping our village tidy.**

Thank you Nancy Garvey

Milltown National School has seen the end of an era when Mrs. Nancy Garvey, Principal Teacher, turned the key for the last time. This ended the long association with the school. She was a past pupil of Milltown school and Principal there for 14 years. Before this she was an assistant teacher in Milltown National School for 13 years. Previously, she taught in Gortskehi, Belmont and Carrownageeha.

I'm sure as she turned that key for the last time and looked down the road of memory the endless line of faces she had taught over the years flashed before her. Many of these pupils are now scattered all over the globe.

They are serving as teachers, priests, nurses, bankers, engineers, civil servants – people who have made it to the top in their respective vocations. All of them have gone out well prepared to take their place in life. We thank you Nancy for your generous contribution to education, for your hard work, dedication and your interest in us both in and out of school. We thank you and your colleagues for the good foundation you have given us – a foundation that was easily built on.

We, your past pupils, say go raibh míle maith agat a Mhaistreas.

We wish you a long and happy retirement. Best wishes to you and your husband P.J. in the future.



Parish Quiz – Christmas '95

1. How many of the parish townlands or village names begin with the letter 'C'?
2. How many neighbouring parishes border Milltown?
3. Which parish townland has the shortest name?
4. In what townland is the 19th century Hopkins monument?
5. Area wise, which of these townlands is the biggest: Liskeavy, Conagher or Kilgevrin?
6. How many parish road bridges span the river Clare?
7. How many railway cottages, at level crossings, were in the parish when the railway station closed?
8. When was the Milltown rail link closed?
9. Name the last three station masters that served in Milltown?
10. In what year was the new church opened in Milltown?
11. When was Mrs. Glynn elected Mayor of Milltown?
12. In what year was the Parish Newsletter launched?
13. Who was the first President of Milltown I.C.A.?
14. Who was the first Milltown man to captain a Galway senior football team?
15. Which Milltown man became Dublin City Manager?
16. Which Milltown man was President of St. Jarlath's College?
17. He was reared in Davros, later he became a Senator and a play-wright. Name him?
18. Which Milltown person contributed many songs to the 'Amhráin Mhuige Seola' collection?
19. Which was the first village shop to be lighted by electricity?
20. Who opened Milltown's first cinema?
21. How many All-Ireland Football medals has Noel Tierney won?
22. Who was the longest serving parish priest over the past 100 years?
23. Whose headstone in Kilclooney bears the inscription 'He was a friend of Davitts'?
24. Who now occupies what was formerly known as Lynskey's Pub?
25. One lone family were the sole occupants of which parish townland in pre-famine days.

Milltown G.A.A. Winners

PART III – North Board Minor Champions 1960

In this issue of the Milltown Newsletter we take a look back in time at another of the brilliant under age teams which brought glory to Milltown in the newly reformed clubs early years. The minor team of 1960 proved untouchable in North Galway that year as they saw off Headford, Corofin and finally Mountbellew to win the coveted North Board Crown. Then, after beating Ballinasloe, they qualified for the county final against city side St. Michaels but were beaten by one single, heartbreaking point after a replay.

Two of Milltown's many stars that year were Noel Tierney and Tony Ryan, and these two lads were also pivotal figures in helping Galway win their second All Ireland Minor title in 1960. Tierney, at full back, and Ryan, at centre back, were reported to be by far and away the two best players on the Croke Park pitch when Galway beat Cork by 4-9 to 1-5 in the All-Ireland Final that day.

But they will surely treasure also the many memorable moments encountered along the way to winning the elusive North Board Crown with Milltown.

After overcoming Headford on Easter Sunday, 1960, Milltown played Corofin in the Semi-Final, and we include this report as well as the Tuam Herald report on the Final against Mountbellew.

Next issue: North Board Junior Champions 1995.

Milltown Minors' Good Win Over Corofin

MILLTOWN	2-12
COROFIN	2- 1

Milltown minor footballers had a convincing win over Corofin in their North Board Championship game at Tuam Stadium.

With a monopoly of the play in the first half, Milltown were never seriously tested, but a goal and a point by Corofin in the third quarter livened up matters and there were some hectic exchanges. Milltown, however, were well able to cope with this resurgence and finished strongly to win comfortably. Although the scoreboard shows a good balance in Milltown's favour, the game throughout was keenly contested, and even for minors, hard tackling and close marking was the order of the day. Milltown had trump cards in county minors Noel Tierney and Tony Ryan, and Corofin were unable to offset their supremacy. John Waldron and Tierney at midfield gave the winners a strong hand here, and in defence M. Feerick, Gabriel Brennan, S. Burke and J. J. Murray were sound. George Bermingham was Milltown's top scorer, but Sean Saunderson, Tom Joyce, Billy Burke and Noel McCormack gave good support.

Micky Kavanagh and M. Higgins did any amount of work for Corofin at midfield, but only Micky Coleman, Cathal Furey and M. Delaney played well in the forwards. In defence, Joe Furey, Frank, Mick and Christy Higgins gave good service.

Milltown were first to score when John Waldron pointed, but Corofin replied with a goal from Kavanagh. Milltown took up the running again and had a point from Saunderson followed by a goal from Bermingham. They had further points from Waldron (0-2) and G. Bermingham to put them well in front at the interval on the scores: Milltown 1-5, Corofin 1-0.

In the second half, Bermingham had another Milltown point but Kavanagh replied with a like score for Corofin. Two points from Bermingham and Tierney stretched Milltown's lead, but Cathal Furey boxed in a goal for Corofin to cut the arrears to four points. Milltown, however, put in a strong finish and Tony Ryan added three points off play, and for good measure Billy Burke netted a goal and Liam Octigan had a point to leave them comfortable winners on the scores 2-12 to 2-1.

Milltown: B. Blake, J.J. Murray, M. Feerick, S. Burke, S. Brennan, T. Ryan, G. Brennan, N. Tierney, J. Waldron, L. Octigan, S. Saunderson, T. Joyce, G. Bermingham, W. Burke, N. McCormack.

Corofin: M. Tarpey, F. Higgins, N. Higgins, C. Higgins, O. Hughes, J. Furey, P. J. Melia, M. Higgins, M. Kavanagh, M. Delaney, M. Coleman, M. Comer, C. Furey, C. O'Brien, B. Greaney.
Referee: S. McHugh (Cortoon).

Milltown Master Mountbellew in Minor Final

MILLTOWN2-6
MOUNTBELLEW1-4

Although given a shock by Mountbellew, who had four scores on the board before they could raise a flag, Milltown minor footballers captured the North Board championship with a five points win in the final at Athenry.

Though short four of their St. Jarlath's stars, and the lighter side, the Milltown boys proved far the fitter and faster team, and with Noel Tierney as their "powerhouse" gave a grand display of top grade football to earn the title.

Early in the game, Mountbellew flattered but only to deceive. They started off at a great pace and seemed to have the Milltown side "sewn up". Within minutes of the start, Johnny Gavin careered through for a point, and then placed Noel Cheevers for a beautiful goal. Colleran pointed a free and Gavin, gathering the ball on the corner flag, weaved his way through for another point. Thus the score stood 1-3 to nil in favour of Mountbellew. It was at this point that Milltown made a master move - a move that won the game for them. Tony Ryan at centre half back had his hands full in marking Gerry McLoughlin, while the Mountbellew centrefield were concentrating on a so far subdued Noel Tierney. Then Ryan moved to the centre to partner Tierney, and McLoughlin immediately followed. From here on Milltown never looked back, the ball seldom passing centrefield. As a matter of fact, Mountbellew registered only one other score in the game, a point by Noel Cheevers at the restart.

Tierney's display in this game, particularly in the second half, has seldom been equalled in the minor ranks. Although nominally at the centre, he ranged the whole field, helping his backs whenever the ball passed himself or Tony Ryan at midfield; moving in to help his forwards when Milltown were attacking, and all the time completely dominating the midfield exchanges. He gave one the impression more of a teacher and his pupils, rather than a minor with his age group. His physique and great strength enabled him to brush all opposition aside, and towards the end of the game he had not even to leave the ground to field the ball.

Mountbellew were not fit: this was very apparent towards the end of the game, when Milltown did as they liked. Their forwards in the first half, when they had the help of the breeze, over-played the ball and none of them, not even Gavin, can escape blame for not being further ahead at half-time than by a solitary point.

Milltown, after all, were short their four St. Jarlath's stalwarts, and their juvenile replacements found the big occasion, the sodden pitch and the long grass hard to fathom. Connaughton was rock solid in the Mountbellew goal, his height belying his years - he still has a few to go in minor ranks. Gabriel Lohan was the best of the full line, while the Collerans were other earnest defenders. Gerry McLoughlin was the star of the side, and was perhaps unlucky to be pitted against a footballer of Ryan's class. Gavin, Lohan and the Cheevers all had their moments in the attack.

In Mullarkey, Milltown had a full forward who showed great opportunism in seizing his two scoring chances, while the slight Liam Octigan was the terror of the Mountbellew half-back line; his two points in the second half were grand efforts. J. Bermingham was also prominent in the useful attack. Murray and the Burkes had their moments in a defence that got great assistance from the rampant Noel Tierney.

Scorers for Milltown: F. Mullarkey (2-1), L. Octigan (0-3), Waldron & Bermingham (0-1 each).

Scorers for Mountbellew: N. Cheevers (1-1), Gavin (0-2), E. Colleran (0-1).

Milltown: D. Brennan, J. Murray, M. Feerick, S. Burke, J. Burke, T. Ryan, G. Brannelly, N. Tierney, S. Brennan, L. Octigan, J. Waldron, M. Mullahy, J. Bermingham, F. Mullarkey, O. Mullahy.

Mountbellew: P. Connaughton, J. Dempsey, P. Donnellan, G. Lohan, S. Donohoe, T. Colleran, N. Colleran, E. Colleran, J. Conway, N. Cheevers, G. McLoughlin, M. Lohan, D. Cheevers, J. Gavin, G. Cummins. **Referee:** P. Burke.

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