

Milltown Newsletter



CHRISTMAS ISSUE 1993

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*Peace be with You
this Christmas*

EDITORIAL

WELCOME to issue two of the Milltown Newsletter which also happens to double as a Christmas Edition. We had hoped that our first parish newsletter would prove popular and thankfully in the main it did. Most of the comments we received were favourable and most of the criticism was constructive.

For better or for worse it has encouraged us to produce another one with the same team at the helm. There is no clash of personalities, no major rows and those of us lucky enough to have day jobs are managing to keep our careers flourishing and homes intact despite the demands of compiling a newsletter by night.

On a more serious note the intervening months since our first publication have sadly seen the death of yet another of our finest young men, an event which numbed the community, as well as several other deaths also.

On the brighter side our senior footballers won the 1992 Superleague and our under-16 footballers brought glory to themselves and the famed royal blue jerseys of Milltown by winning both the league and championship at county level. Well done to them and their hardworking mentors.

Inside this issue you will find items on one of Ireland's finest writers M.J. Molloy, a Milltown man whose literary achievements are recognised worldwide, and 102 year old Thomas Kirrane, still hale and hearty as they say, plus the usual mix of old and new about the Milltown of the past and of the present.

Finally, let us wish all you readers, supporters, patrons, and well-wishers a Happy and Holy Christmas and a peaceful and successful New Year. Special greetings go to the Milltown people living away from home both in Ireland and overseas.

As usual we would like to express our gratitude to our photographers Frank Brennan and Michael Oates and all who contributed photos, advertisements, articles and ideas.



*Seasons Greetings and Christmas Cheer.
We wish you at this time of year
Let all your New Year's dreams come true,
And may Hope and Peace reside with you.*

Nollaig Fíor Shona díbh go léir

—Newsletter Team

The Hot Seat



Name: Thomas Kirrane

Date of Birth: December 13th, 1891

Favourite Food: Bacon, cabbage, potatoes.

Favourite Drink: Stout

Favourite Song: Cross of Cloonkeen

First Girlfriend: Can't remember. I had a good few of them in my time.

Earliest memory: I remember when I was about ten years old going to Dalgin School. We wore no shoes then from April 1st until November. Frank Dolan's father William taught us and there were 98 boys in our school then and an equal number in the girls school.

First Job: My first job was in Kirwan's, Dalgin at the age of 15, haymaking and doing the turf. We got a shilling a day.

First Dance: I'd say it was outside Garvey's House. There was a crossroads dance there every Sunday evening. They would start early and be over at around 11 p.m. We called it Hurling.

Price of Pint when you were young: Two pence for a pint and same for $\frac{1}{2}$ one and 3 pence for 1 oz. tobacco.

Difference in social life then and now: There were no pubs open on Sunday or Sunday night. If you travelled three miles outside your area you could buy a drink in a public house.

Most Treasured Memory: When I was around 20 years old that was my happiest time — going to the dances in Milltown School. It was fourpence to get in. There were big crowds then. We'd all walk. There were no bikes then. I was about thirty years old before they came out.

Biggest change you have seen over the years: I'd say television and videos especially seeing myself on the screen.

First motor car: The first motor car I saw belonged to the Lewins of Castlegrove and it came to Kirwan's of Dalgin. I was about fifteen then.

Earliest historical memory: I remember when we had no Government here in Ireland and the English Police were in the Barracks in Milltown. There were six of them and you'd meet them all hours of night walking. Then the Irish Guards came. One of the first, Eddie Callaghan, was a very good friend of mine.

What do you attribute your long life to: Plenty of hard work and good plain food and of course the good care from my family.

Any regrets: None whatsoever. I'd do it all over again. I enjoyed my life — every day of it.

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Thomas will be 102 years old this year.

He has six children, thirty five grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

MILLTOWN GOLF OUTING

August 14th, 1993



Pictured at the Milltown golf outing were Marcus Varley, Bridie Murphy, Mark Varley, Matt Forde, Caitriona Varley, Trudi Varley

ON August 14th, 1993 during Milltown Festival the first golf outing took place at Ardacong Golf Course in Tuam.

The golf idea originated over the a few drinks in Ryans Pub when Jimmy Walsh (Liskeavy) and myself Mark Varley (Belmont) said we would play anyone a round of golf. After some discussion it was suggested that a competition be organised in conjunction with the festival as there was a lot of people starting to play golf in the parish. I had some doubts about this and was assured we could get twelve players no problem.

I approached Ardacong Golf Club and booked the course for the golf outing of twelve players hopefully. They were very helpful and encouraged the idea. We agreed that £5 green fees and £2 per person towards prizes was enough to cover the expenses.

To my surprise eighteen players turned up including three ladies, I was delighted with the response. Also my daughter Noreen came along and took photos of the participants. My sister Bridie Murphy and her son Christopher from Manchester came to support the outing. Joe and Ann Ryan came and wished us luck, and offered to sponsor the prizes we had on display. After the competition Mrs Hahessy treated us to coffee and tea and gave a donation towards the prizes.

The golf outing started as a fun outing for non-golfers and golfers so all could enjoy themselves. Most being non-golfers were given a handicap of 24 for gents and 36 for ladies (non-golfers being someone not a member of a golf club).

The winners of the 1993 outing were Paul Heaney, John Walsh and Matt Forde. Ladies were Trudi Varley, Caitriona Varley and Eleanor Sheridan. The presentation of prizes was held in Ryans that night and each player received a golf ball and well earned drink.

Hopefully there will be an outing in 1994 and I would just like to say a few things on it.

(i) hopefully next year's outing will take place on a Sunday so that more people can attend.

(ii) I would also like to see the 1994 outing consisting of players from Ryans, Sheridans, Glyns, Hynes and Mullarkeys for both ladies and gents. Also people from the parish of Milltown working or living in different parts of the country are more than welcome next year as it's all for fun, and the more people the better the competition.

(iii) we have also been promised sponsorship for 1994 so get plenty of practice in for the next outing.

(iv) I suggest the winners of the 1993 outing be the organising committee for the 1994 outing if they wish.

Just to finish many thanks to everyone involved in the outing especially Ann and Joe Ryan for the sponsorship and to Ardnacong Golf Course for all their help.

Looking forward to the 1994 outing and hopefully Milltown will have a Christy O'Connor Jnr. one day. See you all in the 19th in 1994.

— Mark Varley

For the record!

Players that took part in the first outing:—

John Ryan, John Walsh, Raymond Walsh, James Walsh, John Walsh Jnr., John Wrynn, Marcus Varley, Joe Sheridan, John Sheridan, Thomas Meade, Tony Sheridan, Paul Heeney, Michael Ruane, Sean Healy, Matt Forde, Mark Varley. Girls: Trudi Varley, Caitriona Varley, Eleanor Sheridan.

THE NEW COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE

By Chrissie McGagh

As the new centre at Cartron veers ever closer towards completion, we wish to congratulate the builder Sean Healy and his overseer Frank Birmingham on a job well and promptly done.

We dutifully hope it will serve as a landmark in future years where people can come to meet each other in an entertaining and pleasant atmosphere, and enjoy the ambience of a cosy and comfortable setting.

The function room is bright and spacious, with two well appointed reception rooms close by. There is a large modern kitchen plus laundry facilities separately located nearby also.

It is envisaged that extra curricular activities, educational or otherwise, can feature as a planned consideration of the future, apart from the usual Bingo and card games, as an added exercise.

The next big undertaking is funding for suitable furniture that will include chairs, tables, cooker and laundry equipment in order to speed up the opening date of the new centre.

We are proud that this amenity, as a gesture of our commitment happily coincides with the Year of the Elderly.

Finally the Committee wish to thank everybody who helped in any way towards this achievement.

Dalgin National School 1948



Front row, left to right: Billy Quinn, Tommy Flynn, Christy Varley, Philomena Feerick, Nora Kirrane, Monica Garvey, Olive Keane, Joe Kelly, Johnny Quinn, Mattie Diskin, John Curran.
Second row: Tom Kelly, Mary Steede, Mary Hennelly, John McGagh, Sonny Fleming, Billy Garvey, Mary Quinn, Helen Waldron, Sheila (Sis) Burke.
Third row: Miko Feerick, Mary Waldron, Phyllis Feerick, Rosaleen Murphy, Margaret Corless, Nellie McGagh, Michael Diskin, Paddy Tully.
Fourth row: Kathleen Maloney, Catherine Kelly, Paddy Kirrane, Liam Varley, Brigid Flynn, Mary Connolly, Jim Curran, R.I.P.

M.J. Molloy



PLAYWRIGHT M. J. Molloy pictured in Summer 1989 with his brother Christy and sister Mona, an African Missions nun (Sister Mary) based in Capetown, South Africa.

We present part one of a series on M.J. MOLLOY, Milltown's well-known playwright

Milltown's widely-acclaimed playwright M.J. Molloy is, happily, an exception to the theory that a prophet is never recognized in his own land. Local people are appreciative of and indeed very proud of the exalted position he holds in the world of drama where he has for long been one of the masters of his field and where his work has been lauded not only here in Ireland but also in London, New York and South Africa.

Not that you would guess it from talking to him. The slim dapper man, now in his seventies, has a modesty to match his talents and always lets his work do the talking for him in a literary career that has spanned half a century and is still flourishing.

A serious heart problem that necessitated major surgery and a long spell of recuperation early this year has temporarily slowed down the prodigious workrate but M.J., or Josie as he is affectionately known locally, has made a complete recovery and the typewriter will not be put away just yet.

Born in 1917 at Cartron, Milltown in the house where his brother Christy and family now reside, he was one of eight children. His father Willie was a Glenamaddy man who came to the area to work in the well-known McDonnell's, a multi-faceted business that also had branches in other towns in this region.

There he rose to become General Manager but later decided to change his career and he became a commercial traveller.

Willie's wife Maria was one of the Tucker family who owned a pub in Claremorris (it is now known as the Moorin' Bar). She came to Milltown to teach at the local national school and she also acted as organist at St. Joseph's Church. After she and Willie Molloy married they settled down in the house now owned by the Molloy family but which had been previously the property of the McHales of Ballina, one of whom, Dr. John, became one of Tuam's most able and influential Archbishops.

In the early days life was comfortable and the family was, relatively speaking, prosperous but it was not to last as Willie was struck down by pneumonia and died a young man. It was a shattering blow to his widow who was now left with the considerable task of trying to rear and educate eight young and academically brilliant children. It led, naturally, to a more spartan lifestyle and one which left an indelible imprint on the young Joe Molloy.

One of the treasures of the household was a huge selection of books and the boy who would one day develop into such a fine writer himself buried himself in a world created by people like Charles Dickens, Kichham and Canon Sheehan. He also found that he had a voracious appetite for all kinds of history both ancient and recent, a theme that was to influence much of his work in drama.

Leisure pursuits at that time were simple. There was no cinema locally, radios were few and far between and only two or three people in the area owned cars. Money was scarce so going to the pub on a regular basis was out for many ordinary folk, most of whom were small farmers or tradesmen. Visiting was a cheap and pleasant way of passing the time and certain houses would earn a reputation as a 'visiting house' where many neighbours congregated regularly to spend several hours storytelling, talking, ballad singing and more especially card playing.

It was in this environment that the youthful Josie grew up and he enjoyed countless nights in such houses, unknowingly accumulating a vast data-bank of plots and characters that were to grace his plays in later years, giving superb entertainment to thousands. Watching, listening and talking to those simple, unsophisticated but witty and colourful people he garnered a rich seam of folklore which he portrayed so vividly that it became, in effect, a history of that era.

To be continued. Part two in next issue.

MILLTOWN N.S. — 1948



Back row: Michael Devane, Séan Diggins, Padraig Ruane, Christy Donelon, Jim Boyle, Padraic Concannon, J.J. Murray, Mattie Concannon.
5th row: Joe Connolly, Pakie Moran, Michael Donnellan, Michael Diskin, Mark Devane, Michael Egan, Tony Egan, Tom Donnelly.
4th row: Eamon Diskin, Michael Connolly, Frank Lohan, Seamus Flannery, John Hernon, Seamus Wardle, Noel Tierney, Miko Connolly, Tod Connolly, John Francis Mallon, Sean Burke.
3rd row: Tommy Mallon, Ivan Cunnane, Jim Boyle, Leo Grogan, Padraic Monaghan, Padraic Keane, Pete Donnellan, Ja Connolly, Padraic Flannery, Peter Grady.
2nd row: Pat Naughton, Michael Mallon, Micheál McHugh, Mattie Groarke, Seán O'Connor, Tom Flattery, Mattie Donnelly, Pa Devane, Paddy Joe Mullarkey, Paddy Naughton, Jim Murray, Frank Mullarkey.
Front row: Joe Ryan, John Naughton, Tom Leonard, Johnny Naughton, Pakie Turner, Seán Mallon, Jimmy Hernon, Pádraic O'Connor, Michael Murray, Dennie Naughton, James Varley, Colm Concannon, Tommy Cunnane, Frank Diggins.

Social and Personal

Births:

August 16th, 1993: James Elliot Mathias Feerick, Kilgevrin.

August 23rd, 1993: Kevin Seán Ruane, Tuam

August 25th, 1993: Aaron Joseph O'Connell, Ballymara

Aoife Marie Blake, Liskeavy

September 8th, 1993: Ciara Maria Hynes, Tonemoyle

September 6th, 1993: Daniel Gene O'Connell, Parkroe

October 10th, 1993: Breffni Marie Molloy, Milltown

October 21st, 1993: Darren Joseph Connolly, Gurrane

October 18th, 1993: Claire Ellen Oates, Carrownageeha

November 11th, 1993: Marie Catherine McWalters, Ballyglass.

Wednesday, November 26th, 1993: Nicola Marie O'Donnell

Engagements:

Cathal Sheridan, Milltown and Helen Corcoran, Tuam

Tim Ryan, Milltown and Nadine Leech, Dublin

Thomas Connelly, Knock and Orla Cunningham, Tipperary.

Christina O'Donnell, Milltown and Joe Lynagh, Kilmaine.

Marriages:

August 8th, 1993: Michael Tiernan, Dunmore and Mary Boyle, Kilclooney

August 13th, 1993: Michael Kelly, Parkroe and Roisin Ni hAodha, Dublin

August 21st, 1993: Bernard Maloney, Kildare and Noreen Fitzpatrick,

Carrownageeha.

September 26th, 1993: Mary Burke, Knock and Ian Doyle, Tuam

September 17th, 1993: Deirdre Boyle, Lisconly and Michael Burke,

Carranthomas.

Deaths:

July 7th, 1993: Catherine Concannon, Russellstown, Milltown

July 24th, 1993: Ellen Byrne, Carrownageeha, Milltown

August 24th, 1993: Josephine Hennesly, Kilgevrin, Tuam.

August 25th, 1993: Angela Heaney, Ballyglass, Milltown

September 1st, 1993: Catherine Stephens, Burrish, Milltown.

September 28th, 1993: Fergal Tierney, Carrownageeha, Milltown.

October 27th, 1993: Katie Carney, Parkroe, Milltown.

November 30th, 1993: Mrs. Molly Donnellan.

Milltown I.C.A. First Anniversary Dinner
— October 1963 —



Back row: Ena Garvey, Mai Diskin, Margaret Coen, Bridie Grogan, Bridie Kirrane,
Mrs. Coyne, Gertie Varley, Mrs Donelon, Mary O'Connor, Kitty McManus, Catherine Concannon, Maureen Hughes, Kathleen
Ruane, Bridie McGagh and Josephine Comer.
Maud Connolly, Breda Molloy, Thekla Flannery, Bridie Monaghan, Mary Tierney, Mrs. Mallon, Cis Healy,
Eileen Octigan, Teresa Godwin, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Flannery, Mary Glynn, Margaret Octigan, Mary Varley.

IRISH COUNTRYWOMENS ASSOCIATION

At a meeting held in James Slattery's house, Milltown on September 25th, 1962 the Milltown Guild of the I.C.A. was formed. The following officers were elected:

President: Mrs. T. Flannery R.I.P.

Vice-President: Mrs. M. Glynn

Secretary: Mrs. M. Hughes, R.I.P.

Treasurer: Miss Bridie Murphy, R.I.P.

Delegate to "An Grianan": Miss Brid Ryan

Committee: Mrs. K. Waldron, Mrs M O'Connor, Mrs Breda Molloy, Miss Brid Donnellan, Teresa Kirrane, Maureen Hughes, Bridie Boyle, Bridie McGagh, Thekla Flannery, Nora Acton R.I.P., Mary Tierney, Eileen Octigan, Shiela Hughes, Rita Connolly, Tess Grogan, Mrs. M. Coen, Mrs C. Concannon (R.I.P.), Mrs E. Garvey (R.I.P.), Mrs T. Kelly, Mrs. J. Comer, R.I.P., Mrs D. McWalters, Mrs B. Monaghan, Mrs M. Birmingham R.I.P., Mrs. M. Octigan R.I.P., Mrs B. Coyne, R.I.P. Mrs. M. Mallon R.I.P., Mrs. M. McHugh, Mrs. K. Quinn, Mrs G. Varley, Mrs. Lohan, R.I.P., , Mrs B. Kirrane, Mrs M. Diskin, Mrs Ciss Healy, Mrs K. MacManus, Mrs M. Tierney R.I.P., Mrs M. Fleming, Mrs B. McHugh, Mrs M. Donnellon, Mrs M. Varley, Mrs B. Acton, Miss B. Folan, Miss R. Harrington, Mrs. Maud Connolly R.I.P., Mrs K. Ruane.

Down the years the I.C.A. organised lectures on such varied subjects as gardening, make-up, electrical appliances, crafts and ornamental shrubs. They also organised cookery and dressmaking demonstrations.

Their biggest handicap was the lack of a warm comfortable meeting place, the kitchen of the C.Y.M.S. Hall was not an inviting place in Winter. Undoubtedly their greatest achievement was the raising of £2,000 for the new church fund. At carnival time each year the I.C.A. members supervised cloakrooms and did the catering.

Each year the profit from their labours was handed over to Fr. Berry R.I.P. and a total of £2,000 given altogether. Sadly many of the original members have passed to their eternal reward but the survivors enjoy their monthly meetings.

June Night

Rhodendrons, rhododendrons, once the flowers of the forest. Fading, dying in my bedroom. How beautiful you were in your bloom of youth. Silent, lonely rhododendrons you do not speak to me, you were once full of life as I am now. Now you fade away from the forest of rhododendron, your fought for life on this summers evening. Since my youthful years your ancestors bloomed in the forest of the long ago, rabbits, birds, hedgehogs, earthworms, snails, shared your soily ground. Winter snow, lashing gales come and go. Frost, fog, starry skies surround you in the forest, your ancestors would not die. Tonight O June Night you are my hope o evergreen shrub alive in the forest o silent, lifeless rhododendron in my bedroom. Do not despair in my bedroom your dignity remains always. Your fate was to die in my bedroom away from the flowers of the forest on this June night. In death you do not need any embalming of rhododendrons, you are withering slowly yet your leaves remain green. Your flowers are closed. There is now in your midst a little red rose pulled in my garden. It, too, is in a withering state without roots, it too must die. The rose is a sacred emblem. It is red and beautiful, it also retains its dignity in full shape. My old favourite is the rhododendron.

— Paddy O'Grady, (copyright retained)

Blind

"Here comes the sun", so says the song
Another day to while away and when it's gone
We'll still be here
But many lives around the globe
Will have surrendered, and, they say, passed on.
"Whose turn next?" the reaper grins,
and scything, slick and subtle
begins his daily harvesting.
Each one a tragedy,
Each has his tragic end
As comes the turn
of family,
foe,
or friend.
And still we carry on our lives
As though we feel it's really true —
Each one of us is something new,
"My life could never end."

— Paddy O'Grady (copyright retained)

Scene in 19th Century Milltown, North Galway, time of departure of the emigrant for America from his cottage — so he composed this song. This is one verse:

I am leaving my dear father's cot, that cot beside the Mill.
It grieves my fond heart to part but I might see it still.
I am bound for America, that land of liberty.
Where freedom smiles on every child who seeks her colony.
Through Bodkins grove I'd often roam till the sun was going down.
With my line and hook along the brook of my native sweet Milltown.
On a Sunday afternoon we would dance and sing our favourite tunes,
and eat our fill of meal which was ground in old Milltown.

Author unknown. Verse submitted by Patrick O'Grady

MILLTOWN KARATE



Blocks, kicks, kata, these are familiar words amongst this crowd of lively youngsters from Milltown Karate Club. Each Tuesday evening they train under the watchful eye of Noel Flynn, Tuam and thoroughly enjoy learning the latest moves and blocks, leading up to their next grading. Karate, as a modern sport is becoming very popular with people of all ages. It teaches the pupil discipline in both mind and body, giving the person confidence in the knowledge of self defence. Norman Kelly, Milltown has been a tremendous support and help to these youngsters.



Back row: Norman Kelly, Brian Diskin, Liam Donelon, David Kelly, Norman Kelly Jr.
Front: Karen McGrath, Michael Fleming, Sarah Blagrove, Alan Farragher
and Gabriel Farragher.

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TIDY TOWN COMPETITION 1993

Another year has come to an end in the National Tidy Towns and Milltown has continued to make progress in this increasingly prestigious competition. This year we reached a mark of 184 points out of a possible 250 or 73.6% We were third overall in the county behind Mountbellew and Portumna and we were in first place in the county Category A Section (pop. not exceeding 200). We also received a special Endeavour Award for being the most improved town in the Galway, Mayo and Roscommon Region. Our progress report from the Judges is too long and detailed to print in the Newsletter but copies can be had from the Committee. There is more at stake in the Tidy Town Competition than the prizes, certificates and trophies involved. There are visible benefits of a bright, well kept inviting village, of course, but the real benefits are there for the people who come together and work for each other and for a common purpose. This coming year can be an even better year for all and we urge everybody to make a positive decision to do a little and who knows???



★ MILLTOWN'S Frank Glynn and Frank Mullarkey were delighted to accept the Endeavour Award — a bronze plaque and £200 — from Sean Quish, in the presence of Junior Minister Noel Treacy.

*A Happy and Holy Christmas
and
Peaceful New Year
from
Milltown Post Office*

HISTORY OF MILLTOWN PARISH

The correct name for Milltown Parish is the parish of Addergoole and Liskeavy. It was originally two parishes and the ruins of the two churches stood until recently in the graveyards of Liskeavy and Addergoole. Liskeavy Parish was a long narrow strip running from Kilgevrin to the Ballindine border near Ballindine. It came down to the Clare River at Milltown no doubt to meet the ford there and the present Milltown Church is in Liskeavy.

The Boundaries of these parishes were probably fixed in the twelfth or thirteenth centuries (1128 — 1300) and these boundaries were not drawn in such a manner as to convenience either priests or people. Probably they corresponded with the territory of a local chieftain or Norman baron. Because Dunmore was the seat of a very powerful baron Dunmore became a very big Parish, corresponding with his territory. During the Penal Days priests became very scarce for a while so many Parishes had to be amalgamated. It was probably during this time that Liskeavy and Addergoole amalgamated. Their medieval churches had been destroyed during the wars and the only Penal Days church of which we have folk traditions is a stable still in use with its gable to the road on Michael Flattery's land in Drim.

Drim had been, and perhaps still was, owned by the Earl of Clanrickarde. As he had turned Protestant his estates could not be taken off him and he could run the risk of breaking other minor penal laws. Catholic landlords like the Berminghams and the Bodkins could ill afford to take risks, and apparently they did not allow churches on their estates while the Penal Days were at their worst.

Folk tradition was that the Church at Kilclooney was built around 1825 and was used for only twelve or thirteen years and was then replaced around 1837 by the old Milltown Church. Probably there was an old Medieval Church in Kilclooney which gave the place its name and this was destroyed during the wars. In Kilclooney graveyard there is a grave reading "The Reverend John Warde and his Wife Sara" about 1870. This was a retired Protestant Clergyman who owned a small estate in Illaune. The ruins of his house were there until recently.



MILLTOWN/KILCONLY MACRA NA FEIRME

Because of the name Macra na Feirme, people get the idea that the club is only for farmers. At present National membership consists of 40% young farmers, with the other 60% coming from practically all walks of life. Macra includes teachers, bank officials, nurses, office workers, students and many other trades and professional people.

What does Macra do?

Macra provides excellent opportunities for young people to learn new skills, make friends, travel at home and abroad, have a better social life and develop leadership skills. Some have met their life partner through Macra.

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Learning new skills: swimming, First-Aid, Keep Fit, bowling, public speaking etc.

Meeting people at

discos, dances, parties, field evenings, meetings, sports, tournaments, tours etc.

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drama, public speaking, travel, leadership, training etc.

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There are many more competitions such as artistry in the home, stock judging, farm tasks, welding, club question time, Miss Macra, Queen of the Land, Miss Blue Jeans, Ideal Bachelor etc.

Anyone between 17 and 35 may join.

Officers

Chairman: Martin Brogan. Telephone: (093) 51938

Secretary: Eamon Fahy. Telephone: (093) 51979

P.R.O. Declan O'Connell. Telephone: (093) 51970

Treasurer: Paddy McWalters. Telephone: (094) 64348

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TOWN TWINNING A PARTNERSHIP IN EUROPE

Twinning can take several forms ranging from formal to informal arrangements. It is not a project that can be set up overnight. It may take up to two years before it can be fully established. The most important factor in establishing contact with another area is public support.

After hearing a request on "The Gay Byrne Hour" from Coedhirion, a village in Wales wishing to twin with a village in Ireland, we decided to write to Wales and within weeks we received a letter stating that from a number of replies they decided to twin with Milltown, Co. Galway. Ten months later we are still in contact. We have printed a copy of our latest letter which gives an update of our project.

2nd November 1993

Dear Trudi

As Selwyn promised I am sending you the video tape which one of our local residents made especially for the Village Twinning. I hope this will give you and your group a good impression of Llanddarog and Porthyrhyd which are virtually one village, we have shown some of the surrounding area as well and we were all quite pleased with the result so I hope you like it!!

There is growing interest in the Twinning Project and a good cross section of the community are attending meetings. We have held a successful "Silent Auction" in the village hall to raise some funds for initial organisation and the local Primary School have produced a design for a "Twinning Logo" which I hope we will be able to use for letterheads etc. This is in the final stages of preparation and I will send it to you for your comments very soon. As Selwyn will have told you we have also elected a Steering Committee as we now feel we should progress to meetings of our two communities as soon as possible. As Winter is now upon us the Committee feel that Spring would be the appropriate time to have our first exchange and hopefully we can arrange visits both ways next year, we are all very keen to meet you and your group.

You obviously have a Committee, are you the Secretary? do we have your full address? and could I have your phone number as I will be handling the correspondence until some formal arrangements are made.

Thank you again for sending your video tape this is still going around the Community, it was good to receive your news letter which also gave us a further insight into your community.

There was a request at our last meeting for more statistics regarding Milltown, population etc., maybe you could compile an information pack and I will do the same.

Well that is all for now, I hope to hear your news soon, until then best wishes from all in Llanddarog.

Regards



Doreen Stubbs



★ MILLTOWN under-16 footballers brought honour and glory to the parish this year by winning two titles, the Division 2 North league and the County B championship. Pictured are: (standing, from left) Pat Forde, Cyril Feerick, Shane Walsh, Raphael Murray, Kieran Walsh, Micheál Turner, Pat Diskin, Adrian Kennedy and Ivan Hennon. Front row: Tomás Leonard, David Waldron, Paul Lavelle, Liam Murphy, capt., Tommy Farragher, Jason McGrath and Keith Kelly. The other members of the panel were Tommy Naughton, Damien McHugh, John Henry Flattery, Sean Murphy, Michael Donelon, Cathal McHugh, Noel Nicholson, Eddie Ruane, Fergal Leonard and Padraig Donnelly. The selectors were Tony Murphy, Noel Kelly and Kevin Carney. Photo: Ray Ryan (Tuam Herald).

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