



OLD SURVIVORS - NEW ARRIVALS

Stray cats are not news, but the accepted wisdom is that Ireland is now blessed and benefiting by the presence of a new species of feline - a Tiger. The Sabre-toothed tiger is now extinct. The Bengal tiger will only be a memory if people continue to make floor mats of his skin. The Siberian tiger retreats towards the North Pole lest some yuppie human female wants to show her affluence with his hide around her torso. All are in danger of extinction, but not so our tiger. The Celtic one is alive and flourishing and going from strength to strength we are told It has the advantage of not having a valuable pelt, whatever about a hard neck. Our tiger is an economic one, not dangerous and is reputed to be doing us a lot of good. Long may it live if that be so.

The Celtic tiger is creating more jobs, stemming emigration, causing a building boom and making us all a little better off. Perhaps it is the building boom that is the most visible sign of the tiger's presence - cranes and scaffolding all over the country and houses going up all over the place. A few years ago some people were concerned that the country was being destroyed by the 'bungalow blitz'. The tiger has put an end to all that. Now the minimum seems to be a "Dormer" and after that its up and up. We cannot say yet that Tinryland is a built up area but it certainly is becoming a residential one. There is scarcely a townland in the parish which cannot boast of new houses during the past few years. Kilmeaney and Ballycroogue are becoming a kind of Dublin 4 and Linkardstown may soon be able to justify its name of being a town. Its great to see this prosperity come and people having good and comfortable homes. If that is what the tiger brings then long live the tiger.

While many of the new householders are born Tinrylanders, there are quite a few new names and faces who have not even the trace of a Carlow accent. I would like to extend a very sincere welcome to them. New blood gives new life and they bring something worthwhile and special with them. However it is not always easy to integrate into a new community and feel part of it. All emigrants will have experienced the difficulties involved. It takes time to build up relationships and modern transport and lifestyles can reduce neighbours to no more than ships that pass in the night. Yet it is well worth any effort to build up relationships with those who live close to us. Good neighbours can be our most helpful and valuable friends. It is a two way process. The natives must let it be seen that the newcomers are wanted and welcome. The newcomers must be willing to join and take part in the life of the local community. It is a challenge for all of us but I look forward with great hope. The cry and belief so often is that rural communities are dying. People make a community so let us all welcome the challenge to make Tinryland a most pleasant place to live and build on the good foundation of great community spirit that was always here.

To all Tinrylanders, new or old, at home or away, a very happy Christmas and may the tiger continue to bring prosperity to all in the New Year.

Peter Dunne P.P

The Mass Path

by *Peadar Mac Murcadha*

The church and school were the focal point of the Parish and for many people in the 30's getting there was no easy matter. Nowadays transport is readily available and in fact many people are in danger of losing the ability to walk. Not so in the 30's. Transport was confined to an odd car, pony and trap, donkey and trap or the ass and cart. As to why a donkey pulled a trap and an ass pulled a cart, is still beyond me. Most of the community used their legs to get to school and/or church and in this regard I recall the routes traversed to this end.

People came to Tinryland school and church from Cloughna, Garryhundon, Nurney, Graigue-na-Spideog, Kellistown, Ballycrogue, Staplestown, Kilmeaney - Ballinacarrig, Bullock Park - Ballybar and hosts of other townlands in between. To enable people shorten the distance from their home to the church and school, pathways were generated with the good will of the owners over the intervening lands and when coupled with the existing road system generated a network of short cuts to be availed of as suited the travelling scholar, churchgoer or plain rambler.

From Tinryland church many such routes existed in the 30's but I cannot vouch for their existence at the present time. I will now recall the network that existed in my day as a child in the parish of Tinryland.

(i) Leave the church by way of the Parochial House Avenue, down to and through Macs Cross to the first right hand

bend on the road. Cross the stile on your left and follow the path over the fields and bog to Park emerging on the Ballybar to Carlow road by way of the gateway to Park.

(ii) Instead of crossing the stile below Macs Cross, continue on as far as Brennan/Jordan semi-detached house on the right and through the stile on the opposite side of the road leading down to Tinypark House. Pass the house and bear right onto a path leading to Walshe's House meeting the road short of the railway level crossing (Freeman's at that time).

(iii) Leave the church via the graveyard into the priests fields and follow the path down to the Ballybar Road between Culletons and Moores. Turn left and follow the road to the cross. Through Connells gate and straight on and over the railway emerging on the road from Clonmelsh to Carlow. The Cloughna people took this route, in fact one could continue on and cross the new road to Carlow and arrive at the Barrow.

(iv) Leave the church, cross the road towards the right hand side of the Masters house, down the Slang, follow the path left then right by the wall of Castletown and exit by way of the avenue onto the Wexford road at Cummins House not far from the slippy stone. If at the end of the Slang one swung right skirting the wood on your left and the long stone (Faulkners Folly) on your right a path led you out at Graignaspideog.

(v) Leave the church turn left and follow the road to Kaness Cross on the Wexford road. Cross the road and follow the lane to Rathcrogue House. Short of the gate to

Rathcroogue House turn left and pass Mr. Brophy's house (he taught in Tinryland) and follow the path that emerged on the Ballycroogue road near Broders house skirting the sandpits. One could continue through the Rathcroogue house gate and skirting the farmyard bear right onto a path leading to Moyle.

The following families are amongst the many who used these routes:

- (i) The Dorans, Murphys.
- (ii) Walshes, Timmons, Freemans.
- (iii) O'Briens from Cloughna, Lyons, Byrnes, Neills etc. from Ballybar.
- (iv) Cummins, Murphy, Nolan, Clarke, Byrne.
- (v) Brophy, Merne, Carroll, Broder, Morrissey.

**Michael Doran reviews 1997 for
TINRYLAND G.F.C. JUVENILE SECTION**

We have just completed another successful season both on and off the field. Although we did not win any silverware for this years endeavours the hard work put in by the committee over the last few years is borne out by the fact that we are now competing in the "A" section of the Co. Championship narrowly losing out in the Semi Final to the eventual winners in both the U 12 and U 14 competition. Our U 16s also reached the latter stages of the competition, the u15s winning their section in the winter league. Hopefully from the year 2000 we will be in a stronger position to win a minor championship.

Our younger players also did well this year with the u 1 Os winning the annual Maurice Nolan Tournament. Once again we ran our very successful u9 blitz for the Mick Brennan Cup. Tinryland were just pipped in the Final.

For the first year ever we were in a position to run a mini League where we had over 30 players, boys and girls from the age of 8 downwards taking part. The future looks bright at the moment.

Away from the field of play we ran a very successful race night in conjunction with the local Tennis Club.

There is no doubt that the highlight of the year was our trip to Manchester where we were guests of Oisins GFC. A group of 40 including adults travelled. We played a series of matches at U12 and U14 level. Indeed the high point for some was meeting Manchester United stars Garry Pallister and Lee Sharpe on the flight to Manchester. Hopefully next year we will be able to take a group away for a weekend someplace.

TINRYLAND IN 1798

(by John F Scott)

It is the bicentenary of the Rising of 1798 and it is appropriate that this magazine should remember the part the parish of Tinryland played in that historic event.

The government due to its spies was well informed about the plans of the United Irishmen for an insurrection. Most of the principal leaders were arrested in Dublin in March 1798. One Carlow man was present at this meeting. He was Peter Ivers and his family seem to have come from Tinryland. Much of the information that the Castle received was given by Thomas Reynolds who lived for a time at Kilkea Castle and was a friend of Lord Edward Fitzgerald. Peter Ivers, according to Farrell in *Carlow in '98*, was prominent in the United Irishmen in Carlow. In fact the name Ivers was said to be the password used to gain entrance to the Dublin meeting. The meeting was held at Oliver Bond House on 12 April 1798 and all fifteen members of the provincial committee were arrested. Two of them, Byrne and McCann, were executed and the other thirteen including, Ivers, were sentenced to transportation. He sailed to Australia on the ship *Minerva* in 1798. MacSuibhne in his '98 in *Carlow* tells us that the Ivers were natives of Tinryland. They lived and owned the land from Moore's to Darcy's. With Ivers a member of the provincial committee of the United Irishmen it is likely that many people of the parish of Tinryland were United Irishmen. The Rising began on 23 May 1798 but the plan to capture Dublin was never put into effect. A group of United Irishmen from

the Tinryland area prepared to march into Carlow to join up with other groups to attack the town. They were led by Mick Heydon and as Farrell tells us "they had to pass the house of Rev. Fe. O'Neill P.P. Tinryland, a most exemplary man and famous even for his skill as a medical doctor and consequently a man of most extensive influence in the country. He came out of his house and stopped them on the road and begged of them in the most moving terms to desist. He even went on his knees and used every entreaty he could think of to prevail on them to go back, but all was useless. Those behind pushed on those in front and the doomed party led by Mick Heydon marched to their deaths."

This incident probably took place in Ballinacarraig on the evening of 24 May 1798 as the present church in Tinryland was not built until 1832, though there was a mud-walled chapel there before that. MacSuibhne tells us that before that time the parish priest lived in Ballinacarrig. This would indicate that the touching incident between the United Irishmen and Fe. O'Neill took place there. Fe.

O'Neill seems to have been the first parish priest of Tinryland as a separate parish. He died on 21 April 1799 aged 55 and he is buried in Bennekerry.

When the authorities in Dublin discovered that a rising was to take place they declared martial law. In the region of Athy anyone suspected of being an United Irishman was taken out and flogged. Many confessed under torture and implicated many more. These others were then taken in and also flogged and some were pitchcapped. The terrible reports from around Athy frightened the Carlow men who felt the same treatment

would be given to them soon. When Peter Ivers was arrested the leadership of the planned march on Carlow seems to have been taken over by Mick Heydon, a shoemaker from Carlow. Farrell of *Car/ow in '98* seems to have advocated calling off the battle but Heydon and his friends continued to make plans for the attack. The news came from Dublin that the planned attack was to go ahead. Heydon went around the town making final preparations and went out into the countryside to "rise up the people." It is likely that Tinryland had a big number of United Irishmen as with Peter Ivers so prominent in the organisation it makes sense to speculate that he would have enrolled as many of his neighbours as possible. Mick Heydon in trying to rouse the people told them that all they had to do was march on Carlow, give a shout, and many of the yeomen and dragoons would flock to join them. The authorities in Carlow knew all about the plans and made ready for the siege.

The attack was planned for early on the morning of 25 May 1798. The plan was that the attack from the north would come down Dublin Street and would be led by Henry Rogers. The Laois men would come over Graigue bridge from the west and another party composed of contingents from Mortarstown, Ballycamey, Cloghna and Clochristic would attack from the south by Burrin bridge. The Tinryland men, after rejecting the pleas of Fe. O'Neill, marched to Viewmount to join the other United Irishmen and waited for the signal to attack Carlow. They were under the command of Mick Heydon. They were to attack up Tullow Street and meet all the other groups in Potato Market where they would raise a shout and, according to

William Farrell, men from the yeomen and militia would join them. But Colonel Mahon who was in charge of the defence of the town had all his plans in place. Graigue bridge and Burrin bridge were occupied and well defended. The houses in Tullow Street and Barrack Street were posted with yeomen and militia. The men from Tinryland marched all the way up Tullow Street without opposition and could hardly believe how easily the town had fallen to them. When they arrived in Potato Market they gave a yell of delight and at that moment windows opened in the houses and a volley of shots killed many of the rebels. Some fled into the houses to escape but these were set on fire and general slaughter took place. Some of the rebels escaped through the grounds of St Patrick's College. The dead, no doubt including many from Tinryland, were buried in the Croppies Grave in Graiguecullen.

Another man to die in the Rising of 1798 was Phil Kennedy. John Monaghan suggests in an article he wrote for *Car/oviana* that some of his descendants are still around Naas. He came to Castletown in July 1786 as farm steward to Samuel Faulkner and he helped to convert the old Kavanagh castle to a farm house. Phil Kennedy lived in this house and wrote weekly reports on the progress of the work at Castletown to his boss Sam Faulkner who lived in Stephen's Green. Phil lived at Castletown from 1786 to 1795. He left Castletown in 1795 and went to work for the Butlers of Garryhundon. The reason for his leaving was that Samuel Faulkner's brother, Hugh, came to Castletown at that time and himself and Phil Kennedy had several rows.

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Apparently in Garryhundon there was a troop of Yeomanry. Some to the members of this group were United Irishmen and threatened to murder the Protestant members if they went into action. John Monaghan suggests that it was probably on a charge of conspiracy connected with this plot that Kennedy was arrested, taken to the barracks in Carlow and convicted. It is likely that he is buried in the Croppies Grave in Graiguecullen. He was sentenced to death by Major Dennis. Farrell in *Carlow in '98* tells of seeing Phil Kennedy in the barracks in Carlow "his eyes fixed on his prayer book as he was led out to execution."

We will probably now never know how many men from Tinryland died in the Battle of Carlow on 25 May 1798. Unless the list of members of the United Irishmen in the area is discovered, which now seems very unlikely, their names

will never be known. Perhaps now, on the two hundredth anniversary of the Rising, is the time for the parish of Tinryland to remember these men. A simple plaque could be erected on a wall in the village and unveiled on 24 of May next, the anniversary of the day they marched into Carlow to their deaths. It would be a reminder to coming generations of the bravery of their ancestors who fought for the French ideals of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

I want to thank a number of people who contacted me about my article last year on Fr. Tyrrell. I wanted to know if anyone knew where he was buried as I could find no reference to his grave. Apparently, he is buried in the church in Tinryland around where the organ is now situated. There used to be a plaque on the wall there to his memory but, unfortunately, it was removed during the renovations.

RDS AWARD FOR NOEL BRODERICK.

Noel Broderick was awarded the prestigious Royal Dublin Society Long server Award at a presentation in the R.D.S. in August 1997. The award which has been made every year since 1927 recognises farm workers with 50 years service to the same employer and Noel was one of seven recipients from around the country to be honoured this year. He received a commemorative plaque from R.D.S. Vice President Colonel W.A. Ringrose before joining with family and friends for lunch in the elegant Council Chambers. Nominations for the award are usually submitted by employers and Noel was nominated by Mrs. Mary Doyle who said Noel has worked for the Doyle family of Busherstown since 1947 before taking semi retirement in March of this year.



APOSTOLIC WORK SOCIETY REVIEW from

Pauline Cleary and Statia Townsend.

In response to the need for change and renewal which faces all organisations, it was decided by National Council in 1995 to commission a video. The principal aim of this video would be to promote our work and inform people of our function. It would also be a historical record for the future now that we approach our 75th birthday.

Veritas, as the Communications Branch of the Church, was asked to undertake this production. Entitled "The Work of Our Hands", it connects all the activities of Apostolic Work, be it sewing, knitting, fund-raising for missionaries with their myriad needs or simply making the tea during displays. It is to be hoped that this video will help to create and improve a positive image of our organisation.

His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Sean Brady, Archbishop of Armagh, launched this video in Dublin on 23rd May.

NATIONAL PROJECTS FOR 1997

£10,000 to Sr. Daisy Shevlin, Enniscrone, Jesuit Refugee Centre, Uganda. Funds to set up a Refugee Teachers Resource Library for their return to Sudan.

£1,000 to Fr. Tony Corey, Columban Father, Lima. To help fund a library in a children's centre in Lima. 7 people employed at a cost of \$1 0,000 annually.

£1,000 to Sr. Teresa Marie, Sisters of Charity, Zambia.

"TEDDIES FOR TRAGEDIES"

Have you heard about "Teddies for Tragedies" ... this is a scheme for children who are in hospitals in the Third World. Doctors are convinced that a sick child gets better much faster if he or she has a teddy to cuddle. Good news travels fast and this country is now flooded with all kinds of teddies, long ones, short ones, fat and lean ones, and they are all so cuddly. Tinryland National School children played their part by providing a huge box of beautifully knitted teddies under the guidance of parents Josie Kelly, Ann Redmond, Rita Byrne, Mary Kavanagh, Denise McGrath and Mary Holohan. Well done and thank you to the children and their instructors and to the many parents who donated bags of wool free of charge.

We ask you to remember Betty Delaney in your prayers. Betty has been unwell for some time and has been a great worker for our branch making countless sets of vestments for our mission priests.

Our thanks to all our workers and our honorary members for their help and support during the past year.

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DRAMA FORTY YEARS

AGO by *Pat Hayden*.

On a recent first trip to Lourdes, coming across such places and names as Massabielle, Bartres, The Boleymill, birthplace of St. Bernadette (Soubirous), Nevers, and of course the visits to Our Lady's Grotto behind the magnificent Basilica, reminded me of exactly forty years back when I took part in a production of a beautiful play depicting the events surrounding the Apparitions in Lourdes. I am referring to Tinryland Dramatic Society's production of "Sight Unseen" which was played to audiences from far and near at that time. The play was seen over a two week period because the demand for seats was such that a week's production would not have been sufficient. And all this took place in the old hall which ran from Mrs. O'Neill's house to the rear of the Ball Alley.

The Dramatic Society was thriving over a number of years at that time, and had produced a number of plays such as "The New Gossoon", "Troubled Bachelors", "Kevin Barry" and "After Hours", a play which was written by local man the late Paddy Byrne.



*Back: J. Jordan, P. Hayden, E. Cole
Centre: J. Rogers, M. Dowling, C. Delahunty, P. Byrne, N. Sheehan, B. Jordan, P. Timmons, O. Murphy.
Front: J. Dowling, M. Kehoe, L. Byrne, G. Connolly, N. Doyle, P. O'Neill*

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But "Sight Unseen" was a colossal undertaking for any amateur drama group at that time, particularly when one takes into account the shortage of space in the old hall. The change of scenes and the lighting and sound effects for the Apparitions in the Grotto on stage could have been described as 'miraculous'. The lighting and acoustics that are available today were not even invented then.

Leslie Cole was the person who produced all these wonderful effects, and the late Paddy Byrne directed the group on stage.

The amount of reading and rehearsing that went into that play was tremendous and everybody entered into their particular part in a very serious way, but the amount of enjoyment that we got out of it far outweighed the hard work that went into it. Even though it was a serious and sometimes sad play, there was many a titter of laughter during rehearsals. Invariably the reason for this was because we had in the cast not only a natural comedian but also a comedienne. Peggy Timmons and Paddy (the Gunner) Neill had nearly always played opposite roles in previous productions and always brought the house down with their natural talents. This does not downgrade the rest of the large cast of "Sight Unseen" who all played their part admirably in that lovely play forty years ago.

One slight shadow was cast over the performance for me. I was playing minor football at the time and was picked on the county minor panel who were involved in preparing for a championship match at the same time as the play. I had to decide one way or the other. My head said one thing, my feet another and my heart in between tried to be in two places at the same time.

I have been to Croke Park many times as a spectator, but I didn't see Lourdes in reality until this year but because of my involvement in "Sight Unseen" it felt as if I had been there a long time ago also. I hope I can return again.

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40 years on... John Browne remembers.

Time changes everything, even the church holyday of Saints Peter & Paul (29th June) has disappeared into obscurity like many other religious practices. Yet Saturday 29th June 1957 has a very special memory for me - it was the day I arrived in Tinryland. I thought I was coming into a place called Tin-reeland but that was before natives spelled it Tinryland when reporting successes of the Athletic Club. Even the dumbest sports reporter had to get the emphasis right with the "rye" in the spelling! I travelled by train (with my bicycle) and was met at Carlow station by Fr. Dunny whose signature "Jas. J. Dunny P.P." was to become very familiar to me in the following years. He looked at me and said "Browne by name and brown by nature" because at the time I was sporting a great tan painlessly absorbed at the hay saving on the home farm.

We travelled out to Tom and May (R.I.P.) Sheehan's house in Ballinacarrig where I was so well treated during my early months in Carlow. Tom asked me if I played football and so within 24 hours I became "Sean Byrne" in Dr. Cullen Park in a Junior game. I'm sure it was all perfectly legal- with a dispensation from the Pope!

The Third and Fourth classes of '57 were the "victims" of my early teaching career - but I must have put great emphasis on forgiveness as those of them I meet regularly are a very forgiving group! We "survived" in the old school (now the Hall) where heating was a word found only in the dictionary. Fr. Dunny would deter a young teacher from complaining about the cold by standing inside the door, sniffing the air and saying, "Mr. Browne, I don't know how you can work in this heat!" It worked for a while but then one

day I had enough of everything except turf so I visited the supply depot and helped myself (and the children!) How we all survived is hard to understand - on my bicycle and they on Shank's mare - drenched and cold, on our way to school. Perhaps it was the company of a rat who, one day decided to show all the poise and balance of modern - day gymnastics, by running all along the top of the wainscoting ledge to a press at the far corner. I'm sure he froze to death later having escaped from the many boys who "attacked" the press to get him, led feebly from behind - by the teacher!

We had our school outings - and our school concerts in what we called the Abbey Theatre now no longer in existence. It was there that Leslie Cole and the late Paddy Byrne put on some excellent plays - what they could have done with even reasonable facilities. We had our football too and the real sign of changing times is the expansion of the graveyard - to think that the U14 team of '62 trained on the top half of the graveyard! But just as the young boys grew into manhood, so did that part of the graveyard fill up and even expand into another field. But there was a bright side - that U 14 team, which was beaten in the County Final on the eve of my departure to Bennekerry in '62, gave stalwarts like Tommy O'Neill, David Byrne, David Power and many others the drive to keep the GAA flag flying for many years in Tinryland. Yes! 40 years is a long time, but for me it has been 40 years of happiness. I hope that the people who are no longer with us from those days are enjoying the reward of heavenly bliss, and may all those who are hale and hearty have many more years of health and happiness.

John Browne is now a Fine Gael TD for Carlow/Kilkenny.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

by Fr. P.J. Byrne (Tinryland).

The first surprising thing about being in Portarlinton Parish is that I live in Co. Offaly . Normally people associate Portarlinton with Co. Laois. Indeed most of the parish is in Co. Laois. But the Church is in Offaly, so is the priest's house. Our second Church is in Laois, at Killenard. We adjoin the parish of Monasterevin where Fr. Paddy Shine was P.P. when he died. We are 20 minutes from Portlaoise and half-an-hour from Tullamore. Most Rev. Thomas Keogh who preceded Bishop Lennon was a former P.P. here. Fr. Peter Dunne P.P. Tinryland was a curate here for many years. So we have lots of connections.

4,000 people live in the parish. The Presentation Sisters are here. The last of the Christian Brothers left two years ago. Fr. Michael Noonan P.P. taught me years ago in Knockbeg College. A third priest Fr. Joe Rabbitt is a Kiltegan man who has just joined us after 34 years in Nigeria.

Sport is a big interest - G.A.A., Soccer, Rugby, Swimming, and Golf. We have 3 senior teams in the one parish - Gracefield play in Offaly, O'Dempseys represent Killenard and Portarlinton the town. O'Dempseys won the Minor Championship this year and the whole county rejoiced when the Laois Minors won back-to-back All-Ireland titles. Hughie Emerson would be the best known local player these days. Pdraig Dunne former Offaly midfielder and All-Star is a near neighbour.

A recent publication stated "Port arlington is an attractive town, architecturally unique, with a long tradition of

commercial and industrial activity. It also enjoys many other advantages, including a skilled workforce, excellent communications, and attractive surroundings". Just like Tinryland.....

The industries which have been in the area in the recent past have suffered a decline. Much national interest was focused on Portarlinton last Easter when the E.S.B. cooling tower was blown up. This represented a passing way of life which was largely centred on turf. However spending time on the bog saving turf for home use is still a great tradition every year. The challenge now for the people of Port is that through their own activities, initiatives, attitudes and commitment they can make their area an attractive location for work, living and visiting. Port arlington has a long history. Many features are French in origin. This is because of the Huguenot connection.

Sunday June 2nd 1996 was the saddest day ever in the history of Port when 7 members of the Maher family perished in an early morning fire. I was one of those present at the time. The memory of that experience will live on forever. The family are doing their best to cope with such a huge personal loss. I am a trustee of the Maher Appeal Fund which totalled £663,000. This was a statement of enormous solidarity, generosity and support.

We have an active Parish Pastoral Council and are in the process of forming a Port arlington Development Association. This will help to co-ordinate all the business, social, cultural and recreational organisations in the community. It will even help to unite Laois and Offaly. Some Job.....

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Tinryland NS Review for 1997 by *Denis Shannon NT.*

1997 was another busy year in the life and activities of Tinryland NS. The year began with the bi-annual Christmas Concert. Drama items were presented by all classes. Musical director was Mary Hennessy-O'Neill with Dancing teacher Mary O'Donoghue looking after the dancing troupes. A very enjoyable evening was had by all with a full house present confined to parents whose children attend the school. 65 children attended 8 swimming classes in Graiguecullen Pool from January to March. The progress made by all over this short span of time is truly remarkable. On May 3rd 18 children received the sacrament of First Communion. They were prepared by Ms. Freda Bourke NT. On Wed. June 24th 47 children received the sacrament of Confirmation. The vast majority of pupils took part in the Community Games with Basketball, Athletics and Draughts being the major successes. As detailed elsewhere Sept/Oct brought great success to the school in the GAA Cumann na mBunscoil and Glor na nGael competitions. The present school enrolment is 156 pupils: 92 boys and 64 girls.

New Staff

In 1997, 3 new teachers have joined the staff of Tinryland NS. In January, Miss Una Kelly replaced Miss Mary Doyle as a shared remedial teacher with Bennekerry NS. Miss Kelly, who taught in Tang NS, Longford for a number of years, is a native of Booldurragh, Fenagh. Her grandfather was a native of Clonmelsh. Replacing Joe Doherty in September is Melissa Rogers. Melissa, who is from Dublin, has taught in Scoil Muire Gan Smal, Askea Girls NS and Killeen NS. She is married to Thomas Anthony from Maganey. She teaches Senior Infants and 1st class.

Our latest recruit is Mrs. Breda Heffernan as a Resource teacher. Breda, who lives in Levinstown, shares her teaching with Askea Girls NS. She specialises in Maths with a small number of pupils. Our ancillary staff includes Joe Stynes as Caretaker. Miss Georgina Cahill of Bagenalstown has taken over from Margaret Townsend as school secretary. Margaret gave 3 excellent years as school secretary. She did tremendous work for the school and was extremely popular with both staff and pupils. Unfortunately under the C.E scheme, 3 years is the maximum period of work given.

Fund Raising

At Christmas we had the Bi-Annual draw. Again there was a wonderful array of sponsored prizes. There was again great effort put in by the parents and over £ 1,000 was raised. In April, Parent-Teacher secretary Rita Byrne organised another successful table quiz. Over 40 teams took part and the money raised was used to purchase a "Combi" unit consisting of TV and VCR for the school. In May a computer was donated to the school. It includes Windows 95 and will be connected to the Internet in time. The Senior classes are availing of this.

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In July, £400 was raised from a “Nite Out” in Rathcroogue. **In** November, £850 was raised from the book fair. Books to the value of £450 were given to 6 school libraries. The Friday afternoon co- educational knitting classes for the senior classes are very successful. The classes are given by parents Ann Redmond, Mary Kavanagh, Denise McGrath and by two of our senior citizens Statia Townsend and Eileen Condron. The new officers of the Parent-Teacher Association are Chairman Paddy Holohan (outgoing), Secretary Pat Cleere and Treasurer Mrs. Jackie Deane.



Aerial view of Tinryland NS

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"More Memories from the 30's" from Peadar Mac Murcadha

Three events stand out in my memory as a child growing up during the 30's in the parish of Tinryland. Time has dimmed my memory as to the actual dates on which these events took place, suffice to say it was somewhere between 1933 and 1939.

How many people recall the air display in Ballybar? It was held, if my memory serves me, on Connell's land to the left of the avenue leading down from Ballybar Cross to Connell's farm. The field was large and was a field or two down from the Garryhundred road. The Lyons family lived on the left hand side of Connell's gate while Mr. Byrne, a carpenter and wheel wright, lived on the right hand side of the road as one approached from Tinryland and before turning for Park.

Most of the airplanes as they were called, stayed on the ground but a few took to the air every now and then taking adventurous locals on sight seeing trips over the surrounding landscape. I can recall two planes in particular, one a bi-plane with two engines which carried about six people with the pilot. It trundled across the field with its engines rising from a tractor like growl to an ear piercing whine until it eventually lifted from the earth to move lazily in circles over the countryside and eventually gliding in to land safely to the utmost relief of those watching and related to the passengers.

The second plane still reminds me of my then total ignorance of aerodynamics because for many years afterwards I still thought it was built of bricks. It was brick coloured all over and striped in black lines that crossed each other gridwise. From a

distance it looked to the eye of a child, to be made of brick.

My second outstanding memory was the visit of the Grangegorman Pipers Band in company with the Ard Craoibh Camogie team from Dublin to play the Tinryland team in a challenge match. It was held in conjunction with an "Aerioch" and took place in a field way down at the end of the "Slang" opposite the new school and behind the pump. The school children put on a play called Iosagan, by Patrick Pearse. I think the match was refereed by a man named Mogue Murphy. It was a great day and our parish priest of the time spoke of it as a great cultural event in the life of the parish. Fr. Burbage was most nationalistic in his outlook.

Third but not least was the Christmas party given by Mrs. Hall (Olive) of Moyle. the party was held in the old girls school on the right hand side of the chapel gates. I well recall the vision that opened up to our child eyes as we were marshalled through the door into a veritable fairyland. The room was filled by this enormous pine tree, its branches bedecked with myriad's of lighting candles affixed peg like to its extremities. Bunting wound snake like through the greenery, baubles scintillated in response to the flickering candle light while gift wrapped presents for every child present spun like giant spiders from their anchoring threads. Mrs. Hall filled the roll of Santa Claus suitably decked out for the occasion and personally handed each child its gift and shook hands with them. We were gobsmacked. Never had we seen the like before, and I can honestly for my part say, since. We had goodies to eat and drink and it was a tired but happy throng of satisfied children that headed for home that memorable day.

PROUD MOMENT FOR A MODEST MAN.

On Saturday November 1st Jack McArdle was presented with a very special award, the Benemerenti papal medal, by Fr. Peter Dunne P.P., for his outstanding contribution to St. Joseph's Church, Tinryland. Jack received the medal to a standing ovation from his fellow parishioners at the parish social in Rathcroogue House. In his presentation Fr. Dunne described how Jack had contributed to the Parish for over 55 years, serving as Church organist, choirmaster and Mass Server whenever needed. He always gave of his time willingly and in good spirits. Earlier at Mass that evening Jack who is now 88 years young had assisted him as an altar boy. He described him as a very sprightly person who still genuflects unaided at the altar.



Fr. Peter Dunne presenting Jack McArdle with the Benemerenti Scroll & Medal

The Benemerenti papal medal is an award conferred by the pope on a well deserving person for exceptional accomplishment and service. The medals which are made of gold, silver or bronze bear the likeness and name of the reigning pope on one side; and on the other, a laurel crown and the letter 'B'. A Bishop wishing to recommend an individual for this honour will draw up a suitable letter proposing the candidate's name and forward it with his recommendation to the Apostolic Nuncio. The Nuncio will then usually forward the recommendation to the Vatican Secretariat of State. There the application is considered and if approved a scroll is drawn up in Latin to be presented in conjunction with the medal.

Jack was born in Ballintreskin, Stradbally, Co. Laois and came to Tinryland in 1943.

He received his early education in Ardattin NS before attending Stradbally NS. He was a student at Knockbeg College from 1922 to 1927.

His family Pat, Pauline & Michael, Marie & Harry, and Phil & Ollie accompanied him on this proud occasion. Jack lives at what is generally known as "McArdle's Cross" and is a great inspiration and influence to his grandchildren who live in close proximity to him: John P., Nicole, and Louise, Ailish and Christopher and Colin and Mark. His daughter Dolores, her husband Klaus and their children Patrick and Gracie are familiar figures in the Parish as they return regularly from their home in Germany.

Long may Jack enjoy good health to continue with his invaluable service to the parish.

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Memories of Seanad Eireann

by Jim Townsend.

It was a great honour for me to be asked by the leader of the Labour party Dick Spring T.D. to accept a nomination for the Seanad. Having served as a member of Carlow County Council for the previous fourteen years, I was well equipped to take on the responsibilities that were expected and demanded of me. I got off to a great start for what was to be a four year term as a member of Seanad Eireann, when I attended mass in Tinryland, where the Parish Priest Father Peter Dunne congratulated me from the altar and the Congregation applauded. It was four years which I did not really enjoy myself, mainly because I took the job too seriously and worked too hard. I had some personal satisfactions and disappointments, some very sad and historic occasions, but there were also some remarkable coincidences during the term. I also had the pleasure of meeting some remarkable people.

On the first day on my way to attend the Seanad, I was walking down Grafton Street when all of a sudden I was grabbed from behind. I thought I was being mugged. I was very glad when I discovered that the "mugger" was Detective Garda Brendan Ronan who is married to a next door neighbour of mine Brenda Murphy. Later the same day I got another shock when I discovered that under the seating arrangements in the Seanad, Gordan Wilson was to sit beside me. I found him to be a real gentleman who worked day and night to bring about peace in Ireland.

Having been appointed the Labour Party Spokesman on Agriculture I got my

opportunity to make my maiden speech during the second week that the Seanad sat. Things had not settled down properly by that stage. Before I left for home on Thursday evening I was notified by the Labour party office that there was to be a debate on C.A.P. the following week and that I would have thirty minutes to make my speech. Over the week end I read up all I could about the subject and prepared notes. On the day, my contribution was well received, and some senators from all parties congratulated me on how well I had researched the topic. I was pleased that everything went so well. About 3 weeks later I got the shock of my life when I discovered that the debate was in fact about GAIT and that I had spoken on the wrong subject, but thankfully at the time none noticed the mistake. On another occasion I was about to speak on "The Goodman Report" when two neighbours of mine Maureen Byrne and Pat Hayden arrived into the visitors gallery in the Seanad. This must have been a remarkable coincidence.

During my term in the Seanad there were some very sad occasions. Gordan Wilson died suddenly and Sean Fallon the Cathaoirleach died while under going heart surgery. He was replaced by Liam Naughton who was killed in a car crash while attending a funeral. On each occasion there was a great sense of loss and sadness in the Seanad. During my term in the Seanad history was made because it was the first time since the foundation of the state that a government was changed without holding a General Election.

During my term in the Seanad I got great satisfaction in getting funds to carry out work which as a member of Carlow County Council I had been looking for up

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to 10 years. A few examples would include such projects as (a) A filtration system for the water system in Bilboa, (b) A new pumping system to provide a proper water supply for Sherwood Kildavin, (c) The augmentation of the water supply for places Kilcool, Graiguenaspideog and Ballynunnery.

I am also glad to say that I played a significant part in getting a major project under way in Carlow. Again a few examples would include (a) The inner relief road at Braganza and the new bridge over the Barrow. (b) The first phase of the £ 10 million development at Carlow R.T .C. (c) The new Library at the Old Presentation Convent Carlow. I was also able to deliver a significant grant from National Lottery Funds to Tinryland G.F.C. It was also very rewarding to be a member of the Seanad when the "Arterial Drainage Bill", was introduced and passed into law. The purpose of this bill was to give The Board of Works the legal right to carry out remedial works to relieve urban flooding. This piece of legislation is having a significant impact in Graiguecullen/Carlow at the present time.

What I regard as my greatest achievement came in 1995 when the then Minister for Education Niamh Breathneach decided to pay maintenance grants to students attending recognised courses in St. Patrick's College, Carlow in the same way as students attending the Universities and R.T.C.'s. This was the first time in the 200 years history of the College that the students were grant aided. In 1994 St. Patrick's was at a cross roads facing a very uncertain future but because of the Minister's decision it is now a fairy tale success with over 200 students doing full time courses at the College. This number

is expected to rise to about 500 over the next few years. As a Carlovian I am extremely proud of the part that I played in convincing the then Minister for Education Niamh Breathneach to pay maintenance grants to students attending the College. Space does not allow me to go into detail how the result was achieved but it took 6 months hard work by Deputy Seamus Pattison and myself working hand in hand with Fr. Kevin O'Neill and Dr. Tom McGrath of St. Patrick's College. Because of their foresight Carlow is one of the few provincial towns that can boast of having two third level education establishments.

In the spring of 1997 Mr. Denis Shannon the principal of Tinryland NS presented me with a copy of a submission which he made to the Department of Education making a case for a Resource Teacher to be shared between Tinryland NS and Askea NS. He went through the submission in detail with me. He asked me to make a strong personal case to the Minister for Education Niamh Breathneach. I was delighted some time later when the Minister agreed to allocate a resource teacher as requested. It is worth pointing out that this is the first resource teacher to be allocated to any National School in County Carlow. As things were to work out later this was to be my last achievement as a member of Seanad Eireann.

In so far as I was concerned I got off to a good start for what was to be a four year term in the Seanad in Tinryland and the ending was also very satisfactory in so far as Tinryland NS was concerned.

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THE ANGEL OF THE SICK.

A Truck Driver in the Streets of Lusaka

By Fr. Eamonn Hayden

(This article was printed in the American Magazine "VOCATIONS AND PRA YER" October 1997)

Simon Mwale is a truck driver for Lusaka Urban Council in Zambia. When I saw him emerge from his truck in a rather agitated state, I suspected that there was something seriously wrong. I was about to leave the Parish office as the fast-fading sun was giving way to the approaching shades of evening in the African sky. Even as I talked to Simon the shades of darkness were enveloping us.

Simon was the leader of one of our small Christian communities. Together with his wife and seven children they were a model Christian family. On occasions Simon was allowed to take home the council truck so that he could begin his rounds of picking up fellow workers for a very early start of urgent work the following morning. On such evenings he would park his truck in the church grounds for security reasons. However on that particular evening seeing Simon in such haste, I suspected that there was more involved than parking the truck. And indeed it was so. Simon came with the news that a young man lay dying in his community. Will you please come quickly? With little delay I prepared myself for the sick call. Simon wisely agreed to take me to the Ngombe Shanty compound as his truck would more easily negotiate the labyrinthian paths with humps and hollows and water filled pot holes that served as roads in the

compound that was home for twenty five thousand people. As we made our way on a relatively short journey, I was briefed by Simon on the background and state of this young man. His name was Fackson and he had recently returned home from the Copper Belt region of Zambia where he had worked as a miner. He was seen to be quite sick when he arrived and even though he had been given some medical treatment without much success he had decided to come home to Lusaka to his mother. We had now arrived at a point where Simon would have to park the vehicle so we walked the short distance to the home of Fackson.

As we approached the low mud house a number of women from the Christian community had gathered and were preparing small, even tiny, kerosene lamps that would light our way in the dark

filled room. Simon took one of the lamps and led as many women as could enter the small space to begin our prayer. For a moment I found it difficult to identify the spot where the sick man lay on a blanket on the mud floor. Moving closer on my knees I noticed that the sick man was being cradled in the arms of a woman, who when she spoke I identified as his mother. I greeted her and spoke with her for a few moments about Fackson and his illness. She explained that a few hours earlier she had prayed with her son who indicated that he would like to be baptised. He had since fallen into a coma.

At this point I had not yet seen the face of the sick man as he was turned towards the wall in his mother's arms. I proceeded to open my sick-call kit and took out the holy oils and holy water and placed them on a small stool nearby on which the women had placed the other kerosene

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lamp. I then requested Fackson's mother to turn his face towards me so that I could look at him. As I put my hands on Fackson's head I was confronted with the sunken eyes and elongated face of his sickly appearance. He reminded me of a skeleton which gave me a shiver of pain even though I had attended many sick and dying people. Another image then entered my mind, the image of Mary, the Mother of Jesus cradling her Son and her God as He was taken down from the cross. As I proceeded with my ministrations, Fackson's mother indicated to me that she wished her son to receive the new name of Simon in honour of Simon Mwale who had been his

messenger of hope and who had gladly agreed to be Fackson's Godfather. Fackson died a few short hours later and joined the elect of heaven in his new home. On earth he had lived in poverty and pain. Now in heaven he was sharing in the joys and blessings of his eternal home.

I have often had the experience of joy and jubilation in the celebration of baptism at the Easter Vigil liturgy, but none of these occasions have ever touched me so deeply as the simple baptism of Simon in a dark hut in a shanty compound in Lusaka.



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Highlights of the year January 1997 to November 1997.

January 1997

The Square was tarmacadamed providing an improved facility for the Church and surroundings.

Ms. Una Kelly, Garryhill was appointed joint remedial teacher for Tinryland and Bennekerry.

February 1997.

Tinryland G.F.C training commenced for the New Year.

The Tinryland - USA trip committee continued planning the proposed trip for August 1997.

Tinryland G.F.C 7-a-side tournaments began.

Seventy four schoolchildren from Tinryland NS commenced a course of swimming classes in Graiguecullen pool.

Tinryland NS participated in the Carlow Credit Union inter - primary school quiz.

Josie Kelly appeared on the RTE programme "The Lyrics Board".

March 1997.

The boys and girls of 1 st Class made their First Confession.

A procession was held on Palm Sunday following the blessing of Palms.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society held a poster competition for Primary and Secondary school pupils.

Michelle Galway came second in the Pioneer Poster competition.

Girls U14 Football training commenced in the G.A.A grounds.

April 1997.

A very successful table quiz was held in the Clubhouse by Tinryland NS Parent(Teacher Association).

The school received a very generous donation of a computer.

Community Games training commenced.

The 1997 Sports Stars Awards were presented by Liam Griffin at a function in Rathcroogue House.

Tinryland Tennis Club held an adult tournament on Sunday 27th April.

The prizes for the St. Joseph's Young 'Priests Society Art competition were presented after Mass and the posters displayed in the Church. The following were the results:

Boys & Girls U9 - 1st: Christine Scully, 2nd: Shane Redmond, 3rd: Paula Murphy

Boys & Girls U12 - 1st: Clare Murphy, 2nd: Siobhan Howard, 3rd: Rachael Chall

May 1997.

15 Boys and 5 Girls received their First Communion on Saturday 1st May.

The junior school tour took place to Splash World.

Twenty nine U14 GAA players travelled with their club to Manchester.

June 1997.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society held their annual pilgrimage to Knock.

47 pupils received the sacrament of Confirmation.

The inside of the Church was painted and is now a lovely peach colour.

A tennis tournament for U 16 players was held on Whit Monday.

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Tinryland Tennis Club held a Car Treasure Hunt on 16th June.

Joe Doheny was appointed Principal of Ballinabranna NS

July 1997.

The cemetery Mass was held on Friday 4th July.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society held a pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island.

Congratulations went to Colma Moore who appeared on the TV programme "Fame & Fortune".

August 1997.

The parish choir travelled to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park on Wednesday 20th on their annual outing.

The Tennis Club held an adult members tournament on Sunday 24th August. 46 people departed on the Tinryland GFC trip to Florida, USA.

The Tinryland A.C. Autumn League commenced on Aug. 27th.

September 1997.

Set dancing resumed after the summer break in the Clubhouse on Monday nights.

A meeting of Community Alert was held in Tinryland G.F.C clubhouse on September 12th.

Elaine Curtis was one of three designers to reach the final of the 1997 Kilkenny Irish Beer, Cream of Irish awards.

Tinryland Badminton Club held their AGM on the 30th September in the Clubhouse.

October 1997.

The 18th Annual Rockford Roof Tile Road Race was held in the village on 12th October.

The first of the big draws took place in aid of Tinryland parish in conjunction with the diocese of Kildare & Leighlin.

Mr. Joe McDonagh, President of the G.A.A. paid a visit to Tinryland school.

The AGM of Area 11 Community Games took place.

The AGM was held of Tinryland NS Parent / Teacher Association

November 1997.

The annual Parish Social was held on Sat 1st November in Rathcrogue House.

Jack McArdle was presented with the Benemerenti papal medal.

Tinryland Senior Citizens held a very successful fund raising night out in Rathcrogue House.

Grainne Delaney and Eamonn Byrne were elected by the parents to the Tinryland NS Board of Management.

A Mass and a regional meeting of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association was held on the 21st November.

A table quiz was held by the Tinryland Badminton Club in the Clubhouse on 28th November.

Elaine Curtis received the Late Late Show knitwear designer of the year award.

Tinryland NS children won gold in three events and silver in three events at the Readoiri talent competition held in Tolerton on Saturday 29th November.

Tinryland A.C. hosted the All-Ireland Inter County Senior Cross Country Championships over parish land on Sunday 30th November.

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Cumann na mBunscoil

Tinryland Girls did the school proud this year by winning the Div 1 of Cumann na mBunscoil. The outstanding player of the team was midfielder Eileen Moore, who was also top scorer in each game. Other prominent players were Teresa Murphy, Niamh Delaney, Siobhan Howard, Caoimhe Whelan and Brid Tieman. The CKR Trophy was presented to captain Eileen Moore. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all in the Apollo Restaurant. Enclosed is an account of the games by Eileen Moore. *"Our first victory was against Borris, they were really hard but we still won. Our second victory was against Leighlinbridge, they were so easy one of our players walked through them kicking a ball along the ground and scored a goal. Our third victory was against the Gaelscoil who were tough enough but our team did the job to win. Our fourth victory was against the best team we had played, but on the day we were the*

better team. The fifth win was in the semi-final against Rathvilly who we trashed 5-8 to 0-1. Our next match was in the final against the Gaelscoil. In the first half the Gaelscoil were leading 3-1 to 1-1. But in the second half we scored 4-3 and the Gaelscoil only scored 0-1. The ref blew the whistle for full time and once more it was Tinryland's victory .

The Boys played excellent football throughout the championship and were unlucky to be beaten in the semi-final. They recorded fine wins over Borris NS, Leighlinbridge and Bennekerry NS. In an off day on a rough pitch in Coolkenno, they were beaten by Ballyconnell NS in the semi-final. To add to this misery, Ballyconnell NS were eventually beaten by Bennekerry NS in the final. Outstanding for Tinryland were David O'Neill (goal), backs Evan Doyle, John Murphy and Brian Byrne and forwards Padraic Delaney and Shane O'Neill.

Joe Doheny, B.Ed

In September, Joe Doheny left Tinryland to take over as Principal in Ballinabranna NS. Joe joined the Tinryland staff in 1983 as a replacement for the late Colm O'Quigley. The Kilrush, Freshford Co. Kilkenny native made a great contribution to the school. Not only was he a dedicated and excellent teacher but he also involved himself in a number of extra-curricular activities. He was very successful with Girls Football and Basketball. He also took a great interest in the environment and was the mainstay in a Tinryland NS win in a schools environmental competition sponsored by the ESE. In sport, Joe was a successful athlete, winning the Carlow Intermediate Cross Country in 1986 and the Leinster Novice Road Race in the following year. He was also secretary of the Tinryland Badminton Club for a year. On Nov 15 at the annual Parish dance, Joe was presented with a Newbridge Canteen of Cutlery by Rev. P Dunne PP on behalf of the parish and with a clock on behalf of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association. Mr Paddy Holohan presented him with a valuable garden voucher on behalf of the Parent-Teacher Association. Joe thanked the parents for their marvellous support, which he described as second to none. He also thanked his neighbours in Castletown and Kyleballyhue for the welcome extended to him and Regina since he went to live in Kyle.



Back Row: Tara Burke, Rachel Chall, Laura Townsend, Aoife Murphy, **Brid** Tieman, Niamh Delaney, Eileen Moore, Aideen Byrne, Amanda Kelly, Andrea Jeaney
Front Row: Ann Marie Kehoe, Maria Doyle, Samantha Stynes, Eilis Murphy, Caoimhe Whelan, Celine Dempsey, Siobhain Howard, Teresa Murphy

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HISTORY IS DISCOVERED AT LINKARDSTOWN

by *Maureen Byrne*

In the early 1940's - most likely 1943 - Jim Townsend of Linkardstown and Larry Byrne of Linkardstown hit a large stone while ploughing. According to Jim Deane Sm. they had often hit this particular stone before when ploughing but this time they decided to dig it up. When they dug around the stone they found a slab and uncovering this they discovered an old burial plot. The plot was on land belonging to Byrne's of Linkardstown. This land is now owned by Jimmy Townsend (Councillor) Ballybar. In the plot was found the skeleton of a man and some items of pottery. At the time it was known that the skeleton and items were very old but just how old was not imagined. The school children of that period were taken on a field trip to view the find by Mr. Colm O'Quigley NT.

The National Museum of Ireland were informed of the find and the items were taken away for examination. It transpired that the find was of immense archaeological importance and the burial plot was the first of its type to be found in southern Ireland. This type of burial belongs to the earlier Neolithic period 3700-3400BC and plots of this type are now known as LINKARDSTOWN TYPE burials.

The following is an extract from a report by Joseph Raftery in "The Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland - Volume LXXIV 1944" regarding the find in Linkardstown:

A Neolithic Burial in Co. Carlow

"During recent ploughing operations in the townland of Linkardstown, Co. Carlow, Me. Laurence Byrne uncovered a large stone 4 inches below the surface, and on splitting it with wedges he discovered that

it was one of a pair of large flags which formed the cover of a large polygonal cist of megalithic dimensions. This was formed of seven granite blocks, averaging about a quarter ton each in weight. They all sloped inwards at an angle of about 45°, and outside them were other stones of similar dimensions (four rows of stones in one place), sloping in the same direction. The two capstones sloped inwards towards the centre of the cist, but at a considerably lesser angle than that of the side stones.

The grave had been built mainly on the old ground level, which here sloped away from a small conical hill, 300 ft. above Ordnance Datum. Two of the side stones had been inserted into the old humus, but the remainder just rested on it. When erected the grave was covered by a low mound of yellow clay ringed by a circle of smaller stones. It measured about 25 metres in diameter the cist itself being 2 metres long and 2.30 metres wide.

Contained in the grave, and resting on the old ground surface inside, were the unburned remains of an adult. They were concentrated at the wider end of the cist, and mixed with them were many I potsherds, decorated with a variety of "" patterns. There are apparently three distinct vessels represented, and as far as can be judged they all conform to the round-bottomed type so characteristic of Neolithic times. One of the vessels has a rim diameter of about 30 cm. (1 foot); it has a sharply carinated shoulder and a heavy splayed hammer-headed rim. The decoration has drawn on several

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contemporary styles for its motives, all of which have Scottish Neolithic parallels. Also in the grave, and at the same end as the skeleton, was a polished stone axe head of slate. Oval in section, it has a sharp cutting edge, and though no trace of the wooden handle was to be observed in the soil of the cist the mark of attachment on the axe-head is quite clear. The skeletal material was placed in a heap in the grave: there was no evidence that the bones had been articulated when deposited; and the skull showed several ancient fractures. This leads one to the conclusion that the body had been buried elsewhere until the flesh had decayed, and that it was then redeposited in this megalithic cist. This is a custom for which there is considerable presumptive evidence in Ireland. The burial itself is of great importance. It is the first of its type and date in southern Ireland; and the nature of the covering mound - circular and flat, about 75 cm. high in the centre is also interesting in that it has heretofore been accepted that such low, circular mounds were indicative of a Late Bronze Age date. The whole architecture of the Linkardstown cist suggests the imitation of a house in stone, and suggests further parallels with Continental examples in wood. These latter, however, are somewhat later in date. In the present rather nebulous state of absolute chronology in Irish prehistory one can at the most only suggest a tentative dating for the Linkardstown deposits. This must be based on the pottery, and so far as parallels go a date between 2500 and 2000 B.C. appears most probable."

A large pottery vessel and a stone axe from the site are on display in the National

Museum of Ireland, Kildare Street and a visit to the museum to view the items is well worth while. Admission is free. Beside the items in the museum the information below is displayed about burials from this period:

BURIAL DURING THE EARLIER NEOLITHIC PERIOD 3700 - 3400BC

The construction of burial monuments and the use of permanent burial places are a feature of settled community life. During the Neolithic period different burial rites were followed by individual groups at various times. Large stone monuments - Megalithic tombs - were popular mainly in the northern half of the country. The tombs were used not only for burial but for other ceremonies as well. The commonest types of burial monuments were Portal tombs, Court tombs, and Passage tombs. In the southern half of the country, the earliest burials were very simple, the body being placed in a pit together with one or two small offerings. Later two or three individuals might be buried together in small stone chambers which were sealed permanently under large mounds. Such tombs are known as LINKARDSTOWN TYPE burials. Sometimes offerings were left with the dead - the earliest burials having one or two pots and pieces of broken axes.

Courtesy of the National Museum of Ireland

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TINRYLAND GFC 1997 TRIP TO THE USA

from an interview with Jim Deane Jnr.

A great American dream became a reality for forty six members and friends of Tinryland GFC in September '97 when the group spent a holiday of a lifetime in Daytona Beach, Florida.

The trip came about following a discussion between a number of club members during the summer of 1996. An advertisement was placed in the Clubhouse to find out how many would be interested and though the initial response was slow, twenty two people had expressed a definite interest by the beginning of 1997. Connie Guidera was the first paid up member with five more paying their deposits before Christmas. The organising committee led by Jim Deane and Michael Keyes promoted the trip strongly during January '97 with the travel agent Rita O'Brien advertising the trip on CKR also. There was a great response during January and after several meetings with the travel agent and a promotional video a lot of other members decided to travel with the last traveller Mick "Yank" Farrell signing up on 30th June. At this stage forty six people were paid up and the travel agent gave two free trips which were raffled at a function in the Clubhouse on 15th July. Pat Foster was the winner of one of the trips with Tipperary traveller Tom Hayes winning the second trip. At this stage all the talk was about passports, visas, dollars, insurance and sun tan cream and all were glad to hear that no visas were necessary for Irish citizens planning to stay in the USA for less than 90 days.

Saturday 23rd August soon arrived and the Tinryland group met at Glynn's bus in Barrack Street and travelled to Dublin Airport where they were met by Rita O'Brien of O'Brien Travel. Having met with emigration officers at Dublin Airport the group boarded Aer Lingus Flight EI 125 which took off at 14.30 hrs and after a very enjoyable flight landed in O'Hare Airport, Chicago seven and a half hours later (16.30 local time). After a two hour stay in Chicago it was time to board another plane destined for Orlando for a two and a half hour journey.

It was a tired but excited group that landed in Orlando at 22.30 hrs local time. That night was spent in the Days Inn Hotel which was a basic stop over before the journey the next day to Daytona. The next day the group hired ten cars and a mini bus and travelled to Daytona where the hotel was coincidentally painted blue and white. The next twelve days were spent enjoying the beautiful Florida weather and visiting some of the World famous places in that part of the USA. Daytona beach itself is twenty three miles long. During their stay most of the group visited DisneyWorld which has to be seen to be believed. The group also travelled to the American Space Centre at NASA where all of the history of the American space programme is preserved. The group found the local people in Florida very helpful and friendly and there were very good reports concerning the quality of the food, drink and night life with all ages and their tastes catered for.

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Daytona is only one hours drive from DisneyWorld, NASA and Jacksonville. One of the attractions in Daytona itself is it's forty acre flea market while it has many fine restaurants including Italian, Chinese and Indian.

The Tinryland group took full advantage of all the facilities available and among the favourite places was McKays Irish Pub and the Ocean Deck where reggae music was very popular and the beer was sold in jugs called pitchers.

Like all good holidays the time passed quickly and it was soon time to return home. It was a tired but happy group that landed back in Dublin at 06.20am on Saturday September 7th.

Plans are already being made for another trip in the coming year with a European destination such as Turkey among the favourites.



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Tinryland G.F.C. REVIEW by Tommy Lyons (Sec.)

This year was quite a disappointing year on the football front, in terms of our senior team. Unfortunately we failed to impose any threat on the Senior Championship Title, as we failed to win any competitive game during the season. However we do remain in the senior ranks, and can hopefully improve on this year's performance. We have an uphill battle to try and be promoted from Division 2 of the league back into Division 1. Hopefully with time and effort this can be achieved.

We also field two Junior teams. Our Junior A team reached the semi-final of the championship, while our Junior B team were defeated in the first round.

The club is always a hive of activity with Ceidhle Night every Monday. Badminton is played at least two nights a week, with very competitive championship games being contested regularly. Handball is also played at a competitive level. The local Athletic Club have availed of our facilities throughout the year when hosting major events. These facilities are available to all members, and new members are welcome at any time.

So if you are in the area and have not seen our facilities please drop in, our door is always open to our local community members.

Forthcoming Events in the G.A.A Clubhouse:

Friday 12th December

Members Christmas Party and Reunion of the 1948, 1949 and 1950 Senior Teams.

Monday 15th December

Tinryland G.F.C. Annual General Meeting

Sunday 21st December

Annual Goose Club – bigger and better than ever commencing at 7.00pm

Friday 26th December (St. Stephen's Days)

Annual Colours Match 1981 Team versus Present team.

Wednesday 31st December

New Year's Eve Party

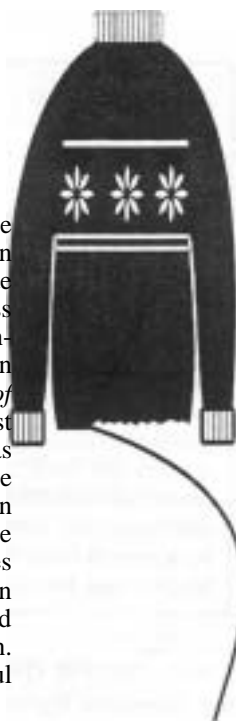
Tickets from Jim Deane's Shop or any committee member

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Late Late Show Award for Elaine.

Young Tinryland designer, 23 year old Elaine Curtis, won the knitwear designer *of* the year award on the Late Late Show on Saturday, November 7th. Elaine, who specialises in delicate fashion knitwear, won a beautiful engraved Waterford Glass trophy against noted designers such as Mary Gregory, Lynn-Mann and Quinn & Donnelly. She is the youngest ever to win this biannual competition. This young designer is a graduate *of* Limerick School *of* Art & Design. She has just finished a post graduate enterprise development course in October, and has started her *own* business at her home in Tinryland with the support *of* the Carlow Enterprise Board. Elaine has already won eight National awards including, Satzenbrau Designer *of* the Year '95, Graduate designer *of* the year for fashion and textiles '96-'97, RTE Bursary for the best collection at the Shannon design show '96, Trade Board Bursary from Leona Curry, and the most commercial collection '96 for her degree collection. Elaine has worked with noted designers John Rocha, Paul Costelloe and Lainey Keogh.

Her first collection is now *on* sale in the Design Centre Powerscourt, Kilkenny Shop, Nassau St., Havana in Donnybrook, Les Junelles and Regis in Galway, and the Blarney Woollen Mills, Kilkenny. Elaine has also done many private commissions, and hopes eventually to export her garments.



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ALL-IRELAND GOLD FOR DRAUGHTS TEAM - by Nora Kavanagh.

The Bennekerry/Tinryland Draughts team of Elaine Breen, Nora Kavanagh, Paula Barrett, Aoife Murphy, Sarah Kavanagh, Clare Murphy and Lorcan Walshe got off to a good start this year getting through the County, Regional and Leinster Finals without losing a single game of draughts. The real test however was in Mosney. After the exact same team winning bronze the previous year they were eager to win gold this year.

The first match in Mosney, on a Saturday morning, against Sligo, proved a close match. The outcome being ten points all. That afternoon a replay got underway and the outcome of that was seven points to three in favour of Bennekerry/Tinryland. That evening the team played Cavan but the result was never in doubt - it proved an easy win for Bennekerry/Tinryland. The following morning the Bennekerry/Tinryland team were in the final against Clare and after a nerve wracking match the out-come was seven points to thirteen points - a victory for Bennekerry/Tinryland. And so on Sunday afternoon they were presented with All Ireland Gold U14 Draughts medals, followed by a speech from President Mary Robinson. Next year three of the winning team will be over age, but there will still be four players left and they aim to win again!

1997 REVIEW OF TINRYLAND AC by Eamonn Byrne

1997 was another active year for the Athletic Club. The season began last December when the club staged the National Novice Cross Country Championships. BLE - the National Athletic body were impressed with the facilities provided and the organisation of the event and in early January the Club received the news that it had been selected to host the National Senior Inter Counties Cross Country Championships. That event took place on Sunday 30th November and once again was a big success from an organisational viewpoint. Other major events during the year included the 18th Rockford Roof Tile Road Race. This year's Rockford was one of the best to date and resulted in a class performance from Alan Merriman of Liffey Valley who ran the 3rd fastest time in the history of the race.

Once again it was the Ladies and Veterans teams that kept the flag flying in 1997. Our Ladies team of Tina Doyle, Laura Barrett, Carol Pender and Nuala Quirke won the silver medals at the Leinster Senior Road Championship. Denis Shannon won the Over 50 award at the Leinster Veterans Cross Country while Tommy Payne who became a Vet in November won his 11th Carlow Cross Country title in January.

Looking forward to 1998 Tinryland AC will stage the Co. Carlow Senior Cross Country Championship on 4th January while Tommy Payne will be one of the favourites to win the All Ireland Veterans Cross Country in Killenaule, Co. Tipperary on Sunday 8th February. To survive in the new millennium Tinryland AC needs an injection of young blood and an invitation is extended to anyone who would like to take up a challenging and healthy sport.

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Tinryland Set Dancers Report *by Eileen Condron.*

It is a great achievement to have begun our fourth year as a group. We have a wonderful loyal set of members.

As the group is non-competitive the pleasure and enjoyment each one gets on a Monday evening at the GAA Clubhouse is beyond belief.

For fitness, sociability and craic it cannot be beaten. The marvellous teacher Fiona Gohery would certainly welcome more members particularly males. There is no need to be shy, as a very warm welcome awaits all friends. If you want to join or know more, just come along any Monday at 8.30 or ring 42756 - we would love to have you.

Tinryland Sports Stars 1997.

Athletics	Tina Doyle
G.A.A. Football	Noel Scully
Handball	Martin Clancy
Juvenile Football	Ned Deane
Special Tennis Award	Ned Brennan
Badminton	Donal Murphy

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Fr. Eamonn Hayden recalls Minding the Candles.

Last week when I met with the Liturgy committee in our parish to prepare the Sunday Liturgy I was confronted with what turned out to be a very relevant question. The issue concerned the relevance of the celebration of the dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, which this year fell on a Sunday, for our own parish. I explained what I knew of the history of the feast including the fact that the Basilica is the cathedral of the Pope and in the diocese of Rome. I was also able to add that a few years back I had the privilege of celebrating a Wedding Mass there and that the Basilica was considered the mother church of all the local churches scattered throughout the world. The feast is intended to recall the sanctity of those churches where the Lord worshipped.

While my answer was appreciated I could sense that it did not create much enthusiasm for our local celebration so I proceeded to challenge my companions: How do you wish to celebrate this coming Sunday's liturgy?

After some brainstorming we decided that we could make our celebration meaningful by looking back over the history of our own parish, remembering especially people whose devotion and dedication in their ministry and care of the Church had left a lovely tradition for all who succeeded them. The end result of our planning turned into a very relevant and touching ceremony.

It was at this time that I was asked to write a few jottings for Tinryland Parish annual bulletin and after jogging my mind to find a topic I finally decided to look back at my childhood experiences in St. Joseph's Church, Tinryland. Many memories surfaced and I will now share a few of them for this year's bulletin.

Like many lads of my era I was an altar server and this meant a good deal of involvement with the church ceremonies of that time: morning Masses, evening devotions, Stations of the Cross, Funerals and Weddings - ceremonies that altar boys and girls are familiar with today. There are two other ceremonies that stand out in my memory. The first is the old rite of the Easter ceremonies. I remember serving the late Fr. Donegan at the very early Holy Saturday morning ceremonies when the long Old Testament readings from the Books of Genesis and Exodus and the prophets were read in Latin. Needless to say I didn't know then where they were from but I do remember getting very bored during the long incantation which came to a happy end when we proceeded from the Sanctuary to the baptismal font near the front door. This ritual was a clue to me that the end was in sight.

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Another memory that comes easily to mind is the Forty Hours Devotion of the Blessed Sacrament. This celebration was a prelude to the long summer holidays and brought a great sense of climax to the school year. Altar servers had a lot of extra activity at this time as we would be assigned during school hours to "Mind the Candles" where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed on the main altar of the Church. As I grew older I came to understand the true purpose of our presence before the Holy Eucharist

-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - but away back in our days of innocence we affectionately named our duties "minding the candles". On reflection I can say that there was some sense to our understanding of Exposition when one recalls how the Altar was artistically decorated with numerous arrangements of flowers and potted greenery together with a host of candles which needed to be replenished or quenched as they expired. The figure of Mrs Neill - the Chapel Woman looms large in my reminiscences of this time. The Forty Hour must have been her busiest time of the Church Year with visiting priests coming to the parish for the High Masses and some times deacons and Sub-deacons would participate in the ceremonies. The different vestments of the clergy, the flowers, the candles, the incense and the singing of the choir were all geared to touch emotional responses in the congregation. But it is the arrangement of the flowers in all their shapes and colours and, so positioned, that they appeared to me to be a staircase to The Lord exposed in the monstrance high up on the altar.

This experience is one of the lasting memories of my childhood and I am glad that the celebration of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Latem enabled me to get in touch with it again.

Those who have gone before us have bequeathed to us the treasures of their time. It is our responsibility to explore and develop them so that the insights of our age may be grafted on to them and be passed on as a living, creative heritage to those who will follow us.

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Community Games Report by Ann Brennan.

Laura O'Donoghue, Eileen Moore, Aoife Nolan, Aine Dempsey, Teresa Murphy, Joanne Connolly, Ann Marie Meaney, Nadia Rea, Karen McGrath, Niamh Hade.

At County level we achieved the following:

U- 14 Draughts team were worthy winners of the County Championship defeating Bagnelstown 16-4. They had a comfortable 16-4 win over the Wexford champions who had defeated Kilkenny in the 1st round. At the Leinster semi-finals held in Carlow, the Area 11 team won both semi-final and final and qualified for Mosney.

Basketball U-13 Girls team won the County Championships defeating St. Mary's. The team was:

ART
U8 Gold Mary Barrett
UI2 Bronze Matthew Spring
UI4 Silver Paula Barrett
UI6 Gold Coman Burke Ian
UI6 Bronze Spring
MAKE & MODEL
U 10 Bronze Neil Jordan Garrett
U10 Cert Fennelly Paula
UI4 Gold Barrett Nora
UI4 Cert Kavanagh
SWIMMING
UI4 Breaststroke Cert Patrick Cushen UI4
Backstroke Silver Mark Doran
UI2 Backstroke Cert Elizabeth Gaul
UI4 Freestyle Silver Fiona Daly
UB Squad Silver Fiona Daly,
Elizabeth Gaul, Niamh Daly,
Karen Doyle, Sinead Byrne
ATHLETICS
Gold Medals - BOYS
U8 60M Darren Murphy

Basketball U-I6 Boys team won the County Championships defeating Askea 33-27. The team then lost to Castlecomer 46-22. The team members were: Barry McDaniel, John Ryan, Patrick O'Toole, Paraic Deane, Brian Foster, Niall Barrett, Eamonn Murphy, Brendan Shortt, Christopher Cleary, Alan Barrett.

The following were the achievements at County level in the Individual events:

U14 100M Mark Townsend
UI4 Relay Mark Townsend,
Niall Barrett, Christopher Cleary,
Raymond Byrne, Alan Barrett
Gold Medals - Mixed
U 15 Relay Andrew Doyle,
Stuart Connolly, Aidan Doyle, Bernie
Murphy, Kathy Baker,
Tracey Byrne
Gold Medals - Girls
U 16 1500M Orla Delaney
Silver Medals - Boys.
U8 80M Philip Condron
U 10 60M Hurdles Paraic Townsend
UI4 100M Christopher Cleary
U 16 1500M Barry McDaniel
U8 Relay Philip Condron,
Darren Murphy, Shane Redmond
Nicholas Byrne
Silver Medals - Mixed
UB Relay Aideen Delaney,
Aine Dempsey, Padraig Delaney
Alan Barrett

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Silver Medals - Girls

UI4 100M Nicola Ryan UI4
Shot Putt Aishlinn Whelan
Bronze Medal Boys
U J 0 60M Hurdles Jason Curran UI4 80M
Hurdles Raymond Byrne Bronze Medals -
Girls
U 10 200M Eilish Murphy
UI4 800M Cheryl Costello
U 17 Javelin Aoife Kavanagh
UI2 Relay Karen McGrath,
Leah Mullins, Rachel Condron
Marie Farrell, Teresa Murphy
U14 Relay Nicola Ryan,
Julianne Farrell, Louise McArdle
Cheryl Costello, Donna Mullins

Certificates - Boys

UIO 100M Ambrose Doran
U 14 80M Hurdles Daniel Mullins
UI4 100M Niall Barrett John
U 14 Long Jump Paul Moore
Certificates - Girls
U 12 100M Karen McGrath
UI4 100M Julianne Farrell
UI6 100M Bernie Murphy
U 17 Javelin Mary Claire Farrell
U8 Relay Tina Walker,
Amanda Cassidy, Mary Barrett,
Deirdre Doyle

Total Amount of medals won at County level was 43 (14 Gold, 14 Silver, 15 Bronze) and 12 Certificates.

MOSNEY.

We had 25 competitors representing our area and Carlow in Mosney over the two week ends. Pride of place must go to Coman Burke who got gold in Art and the V14 Draughts team who are All Ireland Champions.

Coman Burke took Gold in the V16 age group. This was an outstanding achievement as he will still be eligible in this age group in 1998. Coman completed his Art work in two hours three hours is the allotted time. He then started on a new work of art and in the space of an hour, produced his winning entry .

The Draughts UI4 Team made amends for last year when they won Gold.

In the Art section Mary Barrett won a bronze medal in the V8 Section while Paula Barrett took a Bronze medal in the V 14 Make and Model competition. Congratulations to both sisters. A third

sister Catriona competed with distinction in the V 12 gymnastics.

The VIS Mixed Relay team took silver after being heat winners, second in their semi-final and then runners up in the Final. The team members were Stuart Connolly, Bernie Murphy, Tracey Byrne, Andrew Doyle, Kathy Baker and Brian Foster.

In total the Area brought back 8 gold, 6 silver and 2 bronze medals from the National Finals.

The following gave fine performances:

U8 60M Darren Murphy 3rd in heat.
U 10 Hurdles Padraic Townsend
U 16 1500M Orla Delaney
UIO Gymnastics Aoife Parker
UI2 Gymnastics Marie Farrell
UI4 Boys Relay Mark Townsend,
Niall Barrett, Christopher Cleary, Raymond
Byrne, Alan Barrett - Final

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The Officers elected for 1997/98 are as follows:

President:	Fr. P. Daly P.P.
Vice President:	Fr. P. Dunne P.P.
Chairman:	Mr. Pat McArdle
Vice Chairperson:	Mrs. Kathleen Breen
Hon Secretary:	Mrs. Ann Brennan
Assistant Secretary:	Mrs Breda Doran
Treasurer:	Mrs. Margaret Townsend
Assistant Treasurer:	Mr. Eddie Corcoran
PRO Tinryland: PRO	Mr. Mark Shannon
Bennekerry: Games	Mrs. Margaret Burke
Directors: Registrar	Mr. Denis Shannon, Mr. Eddie Corcoran Mrs.
Bennekerry: Registrar	Catherine Farrell
Tinryland:	Mrs. Breda Doran
Development Officer:	Mrs. Anne Condron
Youth Officers:	Ms. Karen Matthews, Ms. Grainne Tomlinson. Ms. Deirdre Tomlinson
Area Manager:	Mr. John Barrett.
Draughts U I 0	Larry Barrett - 42092 Pat
Draughts U 14	Breen - 31396 Eddie
Basketball - Girls	Corcoran - 43495 Karen
Basketball - Boys	Matthews - 30782 John
Soccer - Boys	Barrett - 41161 Paddy
Gaelic Football- Boys	Townsend - 46362 Clem
HardCourt Tennis	Delaney
Handball	Martin Clancy - 43107
Rounders	Evonne Brennan - 40594
Art	Trudi Shannon - 42570
Gymnastics Swimming	Sally McDonald - 31516
Make & Model Athletics	Breda Doran - 43364 Denis Shannon - 42570 Denis Shannon - 42570

I wish to thank all the participants who competed at Area, County and National level. Thanks also to the parents for their co-operation. To my fellow officers and committee members, sincere thanks for all your help during the year and Best Wishes for 1998.

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Baptisms 1997

Adam Thomas Dunne	Jamie Mark Noctor
Dylan Edward Wynn	Conor Richard McGrath
Roisin Elizabeth Normanly	Amanda Kathleen Ward
Adam Joshua Nolan	Peter Hennessy
Shannon Farrell	Emma Teresa Murphy
Ashley Farrell	Tara Margaret Murphy
Teresa Farrell	Patrick James Dooley
Leona Marie Murphy	Laura Joan Nolan
Chantell Marie Cassidy	Aoife Elizabeth Maher
Roisin Anne Byrne	Aideen Grace Coote
Brendan Patrick Joseph Farrell	Roisin Henrietta Hayden
John Denis Murphy	Denise Bridget Guidera
Gemma Tobin	Megan Ann Fields
James Michael Galway	Ross Patrick Hemenstall
Sean Christopher Regan	

First Communion 1997

Louise Alyward	Eoghan Doyle
Ciara Jeaney	Luke Doyle
Rachel Mannion	Brian Farrell
Emma Murphy	David Kavanagh
Tina Walker	Patrick Kelly
Thomas Burke	Peter Morgan
Patrick Byrne	Colm Nolan
Keith Byrne Pierre	Michael Pender
Chall Jonathan	Shane Redmond
Curran	Sean Ryan



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Confirmation Class 1997

David Burke
Raymond Burke
Caroline Byrne
Joe Byrne
Anthony Cassidy
Johnny Cassidy
Joseph Cleere
Darrelle Codd
Valerie Deane
Niamh Delaney
Padraig Delaney
Celine Dempsey
Aine Dempsey
Barry Doyle
Evan Doyle
Edwina Dooley
Aidan Dowling
Laura Donoghue
Joe Fennelly
Mandy Fitzpatrick
Nicola Holohan
Siobhan Howard
Nora Kavanagh
Mark Kenny

John Kelly
Clare Murphy
Teresa Murphy
Ann Marie Meaney
Cara Monahan
John Paul Moore
Eileen Moore
Aoife Murphy
Shane O'Neill
Aoife Nolan
Lisa Nolan
Adrian O'Neill
Anthony Pender
Kevin Roche
Matthew Spring
Ian Spring
Samantha Stynes
Martin Townsend
Mark Townsend
Eoin Townsend
Brid Tiernan
Sinead Whelan
John Whyte



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Deaths December 1996-November 1997

Liam Nolan, Powerstown
Fidelma Deane, Tinryland
Johnnie Darcy, Kilmeaney
Rosie Pender, Cloughna
Breda Fitzgerald, Rathcrogue
Maureen Hosey, Bullock Park
Michael Townsend, Linkardstown
Nicholas Condron, Ballinacarrig
Des Moore, Tinryland
Paddy Brady, Ballytarsna (late Knockbower)
Joe Carroll (formerly Ballycrogue)
Patrick Sperrin (formerly Milford)



Marriages 1997

Sharon Curran & Tadhg Francis Mangan
Barbara Townsend & Michael Nolan
Olive Townsend & Michael Brennan
Patricia Clarke & John Monaghan
Margaret Foley & Patrick Jordan
Olivia Murphy & John Smith
Michael Byrne & Josephine Murphy
Robert Moore & Anne Marie Mullins
Adrian Walsh & Sandra Holland
Patrick Thompson & Assumpta Davis



