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CAPT. KELLY

Capt. Kelly's Name Cleared At Last. (By: Peter McConnell)



Captain Kelly

This newsletter publisher apologises to fellow Bailieboro man Capt. Jim Kelly for not helping him in his thirty year effort to prove that he and his army superior officer Col. Hefferon, at the time of "The Arms Crisis", were acting with the full knowledge of their superior at the time, the late Jim Gibbons then Minister for Defence. Whatever about the rights or wrongs of that effort to secretly import arms Captain Kelly and his superior Col. Hefferon were acting under orders and did not offer or volunteer to become involved in those activities, they were each ordered to do so and bound to do so by virtue of their Commission as Officers in the nation's Defence Forces.

Now, at last the truth has come out and Captain Kelly's good name has been restored and those politicians who are accused of framing him will be judged by some form of Tribunal.

It is very difficult for our present generation of young people to understand what it was like in that Ireland of thirty years ago. At that time the six north eastern counties were engulfed in violent conflict caused by the nationalist minority's demand for their civil rights and the reaction of the then Stormont Government to these demands.

This writer has vivid memories of those times because as a Sergeant in the F.C.A. he was on annual training in Gormanston Camp when those troubles were at their worst. In areas of Belfast at that time Loyalist mobs, sometimes including rogue elements of the Police were systematically driving nationalists out of their homes and burning their houses. These refugees, mainly innocent and poor people, were pouring south across the border in large numbers.

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KINGSCOURT'S LONG LONG FIGHT FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL TO BE INTENSIFIED

Clifford Kelly says, "If they (the government) are not going to provide it- we will have to provide it ourselves."

In a recent interview for the Eastender, local councillor Clifford Kelly (who is chairman of Kingscourt Community Council, County Cavan V.E.C. and Dundalk I.T.C.) gave an update of this campaign, which has been going on for well over fifty years.



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Clifford Kelly

Tierworker Man In 'Reel'

Philip J. Gargan, third from left, is the only child of P.J. and Julie Gargan, Maio, Tierworker. Following his primary education in Maio N.S. he went on to St. Finian's College in Mullingar and then to U.C.D. where he studied French and German.

While in university he became a member of the prestigious R.T.E. Philharmonic Choir and performed with them for three years. Also during that time he worked as a part time model with Dublin's 'Assets' agency.

The latest Irish sensational Celtic Pop Band - 'Reel' (on left) was formed in 1998 and consists of five award winning singers - songwriters - musicians, who between them play a total of twenty musical instruments. Their first big break came last year when they were signed up by Universal following their sparkling performance as back up to Boyzone and Ronan Keating in The Point Theatre in Dublin. They are now playing support to Westlife throughout their U.K. tour this year.



Reel Band

Bailieboro lady, Ann McMullan

(nee McEvoy), who is Lady Captain of Clones Golf Club this year, seen here at her recent "Drive In". Please see page 6, for old photographs that Ann has kindly given us for publication.



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Capt. Kelly (Cont.)

Many of these unfortunate people travelled south by train and were picked up at Gormanston station by Army and Red Cross personnel and taken initially to the nearby Gormanston Air Corps. camp where the F.C.A. then underwent their annual training. The plight of these people was really terrible, young mothers with little infants, old people with the usual age related ailments, all thrown out of the homes where they had spent their lives and taken away from their relatives, friends and neighbours. There was utter chaos on one particular night when an estimated 2,000 refugees arrived in our camp to be fed and either moved on or put up for the night. The plight of those people that night is still vivid in this writer's memory, it was really shocking.

I had another bad experience later that week when a lorry owned by Refractories Ltd., the then firebrick manufacturers at "The Stonewall" was taken from its driver as it was accidentally driven into the heart of West Belfast in the middle of the trouble. I foolishly went up to that war torn city to see if I could retrieve it. I was very lucky to be able to "retrieve" myself because my searching through the bin lid banging residents of the Falls Road looked suspicious to both sides and I remember noticing the similarity of the vocabulary used by both the residents and the police as they angrily asked me who the f*** I was and what the f*** I was doing there.

If a conflagration like there was in Belfast at that time were to occur now a European or U.N. Peace Keeping Force would intervene, but this is now and that was then.

It is against this background then that the actions of the people involved in what is called "The Arms Crisis" should be judged. The late Neil Blaney, then Minister for Agriculture, was the minister in the Government, who was most concerned with the plight of the northern nationalists and he kept putting pressure on his fellow ministers to do something to help them. The late Jack Lynch, then Taoiseach, appointed a Government sub committee led by Ministers Blaney and Haughey to deal with the "northern" crisis and £100,000 was provided for immediate aid. Charles Haughey, then Minister for Finance was given sole control of the distribution of this fund.

Baileiboro born Capt. Jim Kelly was then a young officer on the staff of the army's Director of Intelligence, Col. Michael Hefferon. Because Capt. Kelly had a brother who was a Priest based in the Falls Road in Belfast the Captain was selected to liaise between the beleaguered northern nationalists and the Government sub committee.

As we go to press these events of long ago are now being looked at again and so the full story of that time and who knew what etc., is still being written. In the meantime we reprint a statement given to us by Capt. Kelly in 1997.

The Arms Trial & The Bailieboro Connection

By Capt. James Kelly)

In the Autumn of 1970, Charles Haughey, John Kelly, Albert Luykx and I were charged with conspiring to import arms illegally. It was a sensational case.

The trial had its origins in a "Garda" note which Liam Cosgrave, then Leader of the Opposition, brought to the notice of Dail Eireann on May 6th. 1970. In fact, Mr Cosgrave misled the Dail, when he omitted the name of James Gibbons, Minister for Defence, when allegedly quoting from the document. On the previous night, Mr. Cosgrave had consulted with the Taoiseach Mr. Jack Lynch on the matter and, in collusion with him had agreed to conceal the Gibbons name.

WHY? Jim Gibbons as Minister of Defence was the member of Government authorised to permit the importation of arms for the Defence Forces. If Gibbons was implicated, the importation was legal. In attempting to show otherwise, Jack Lynch adopted the stratagem of having Mr. Cosgrave mislead Dail Eireann.

By colluding in such an underhand, devious manner, two weak, honest men sprung the so-called arms conspiracy trial on the country.

It is to the credit of Richie Ryan of Bailieboro descent that, despite the craven compromise entered into by his leader, he put it on the Dail record of the time that Gibbons name was on the Garda note.

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Incidentally, it was a Cormeen man, Phil McMahon, former head of the Special Branch who passed the "Garda" note with Gibbons name on it to Mr. Cosgrave.

Later, having made a deal with Jack Lynch, Gibbons made his appearance as chief prosecution witness in the arms trial. His evidence was a misleading mish-mash.

For example he denied knowledge of the Bailieboro meeting of October 1969 which was described as "The genesis of the arms trial". This was untrue. He knew all about it. I wrote a report that was given to him by the Director of Intelligence.

Another man with a Cavan background, Tom Finlay, afterwards Chief Justice, was my chief defence counsel. He did a superb job in exposing the chicanery involved in the prosecution case.

Two Bailieboro people have written books on the arms trial. "Through The Bridewell Gates" by Tom McIntyre and "Orders For the Captain" by James Kelly.

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Kingcourt's Secondary School (Cont.)

Clifford told us that in the early days of the campaign the government of that day was in favour of this secondary school for his hometown. In fact the field in front of the Enterprise Centre on the Kells road was purchased as a site. Further proof of the then government's good intentions can be seen from the fact that when the president Vocational School was being built in Nobber its proposed original size was reduced because of the then proposed building of the Kingscourt Secondary School.

Mr. Kelly feels very strongly about the fact that Kingscourt still does not have a secondary school and all the second level students in this town are being bussed to schools in surrounding towns each day and importing all the problems of those other towns back into Kingscourt. He is high in his praise of the local industries whom he thanks for all the help they gave to the many local amenities that have been built, such as the Community Centre, Sports Complexes, and Enterprise Centre etc.

In a passionate criticism of Central Government the Fianna Fail councillor said that Kingscourt has well over 100 years of an industrial tradition which has resulted in a lot of revenue collected by the state out of this area and not an awful lot of this has been put back into the area, the local people have provided nearly everything for themselves.

Outlining the present position Clifford said that at the opening some years ago of the new National School in Shercock a joint deputation from the V.E.C. and the Kingscourt Community Council met the then Minister for Education, Naomh Breathnach, and made a strong case to her for this school for their town. However before leaving office that minister "wiped out the whole idea of a secondary school for Kingscourt".

However, still undaunted, the Community Council and the V.E.C. are still campaigning with renewed and extra vigour, and this continuing pressure is moving this project forward slowly.

Last month there was another meeting with the Department of Education and following this, two officials from that Department's Planning Section visited Kingscourt on a fact-finding mission. They met local and business people, members of the Community Council, and they visited the local factories etc. This was a learning process for their officials rather than the usual question and answer format.

The V.E.C. hope that in a few weeks time, after the officials have put together and studied all the information that they have gathered and have looked at the submissions again, they will have another meeting with them and hopefully make progress.

Commenting on the arguments against the provision of a secondary school in Kingscourt, Clifford pointed to the situation in Virginia some years ago when the people there were looking for a secondary school for their town and were opposed on the grounds that there were secondary schools in nearby Bailieborough and Ballyjamesduff. The people of Virginia ignored the negative advice and built their own school. That school has proved to be a great success and is now being extended by additional buildings, which will bring it well over twice its original size. That Vocational School started with seventy pupils and now has well over 600 pupils.

Another Bailieboro Captain Drives in.



Lady Captain of Virginia Golf Club, Mary Halligan (Bailieboro), is joined by her family on the 1st, Tee for her official Drive into Office. (Pic Ian McCabe)



At the launch, last February, of the restoration of the Old Rectory in Killenkere. Left to Right; Jimmie Stafford, Brendan Smith T.D., Fr. Paddy Sheridan and Turloc Smith, Chairman Cavan Co. Council. This project and the other great developments in Killenkere will be covered by this newsletter in our next issue.

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Kingscourt Stars G.F.C. Commemorate Booklet



Left to Right: Sean Farrelly, Thomas McCabe, Jim McGovern, Jim Patterson and Matt Kennedy, members of the Kingscourt Stars G.F.C. editorial sub committee, who produced the very fine Commemorative Booklet for the official reopening of Kingscourt's O'Raghallaigh Park, (the park was originally officially opened on Sunday May 7th. 1951). This sub committee were very frequent (and sometimes late night) visitors to the Eastender "Head Office" in Mount St. Joseph as they worked extremely hard to get the booklet out in time for the reopening ceremonies. Thomas did trojan work and brought in a total of 76 old photographs to pick from. Matt wrote most of the best and most humours articles in the booklet. Jim Patterson did a great job in researching and chronicling the successes and activities of the club over the last fifty years and in arranging the layout. Jim McGovern did a very good job in chairing the sub committee and Maura Kane's typing speed was put to the test when she was called on, very close to the deadline, to type up the 20,000 plus words. An example of the dedication and sense of urgency of the joint editors can be seen by the fact that at eleven o'clock one night they realised that they did not have details of two deceased people whose photos were being published, so borrowing a flashlamp Jim Patterson and Thomas McCabe headed off into the night to get the details from the headstones in the graveyard.



Left to Right in Launch photo above are; Turloc Smith (Chairman Cavan Co. Council), John Brady (Artist), his mam Rita, Dad Jim, and Eugene Markey (Cavan County Museum).

Young Bailieboro Artist John Brady, seen here in the Bailieboro library recently at an exhibition of his work. John's exceptional talent will ensure that another Bailieboro name will go on the Roll of Honour for Art and Literature. On that honours list already are P.J. Gaynor R.I.P. (Journalist), Tommie Gormley R.I.P. (Painter), Tom McIntyre (Author and playwright), Capt. Jim Kelly (Author), Anna Sexton (Author and Historian) and Eugene Markey (Historian).



A group of children busy Sponge Painting At Tiny Tots Pre-school, Dun a Ri Lane, Kingscourt. Tiny Tots opened in September 2000. The building is designed and furnished to suit the pre-school child. If you are interested in registering your child for September 2001 please call to our Open Day on Sat. June 9th between 2 and 5pm or contact Eileen Kelly on 042 966 8278.

Community Council For Bailieboro?

In our last issue we asked for our reader's views on the above.

We received six telephone replies. The first was an irate caller saying that we do not need another "Community Council" in Bailieboro that we already have two - Bailieboro Development Association and Bailieboro Community Association. This caller got annoyed and hung up when the Eastender pointed out that these organisations, or their officers, were not elected by the people of Bailieboro and therefore do not have authority to speak for, take decisions for or accept funding on behalf of the people of Bailieboro.

In contrast the Kingscourt Community Council members are each elected, every four years, by the residents of the areas where they live as follows:- Church Street, Dublin Road and Carrickleck Road elected Clifford Kelly, Justin Mackin and Rosena Jordan. Main Street elected Leo Maguire, Gerry Murtagh and Eileen Freeman. Sheroock Road and Marahill elected Sean Gargan, Mary O'Hurley and Marie Smith. Bailieboro Road and Dun A Ri elected Herbert Shekleton, Carl Sherriff and P.J. Finn.

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Mount St. Joseph elected Eamon Maguire, Jim Reilly and Jim McGovern. Kells Road, St. Mary's Road and Rocks Road elected Dave Burke, Peter Corrigan and Ian Gargan.

Corrygarry and Carrickmacross Road elected Sean Corcoran, and Margaret Burns. The towns traders elected Gerry Clarke and Enda McMahon to represent them on the council and Archdeacon Corrigan, Josie Rooney and Jim O'Reilly were co-opted.

The other five callers who contacted us were in favour of a democratically elected council for Bailieboro and it is hoped that these people and others and the three local elected Public Representatives will get together and bring democracy, at long last, to public and community life in Bailieboro.

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Cavan Association St. Patrick Day



Tara Lynch, whose parents Eugene and Mary (nee Cunningham) come from Bailieboro, leads the Year 2000 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Luton, England. Joe Ward from Taghart is one of the men carrying the banner.



Bailieboro emigrants at a Cavan Association dance in Luton in 1998.

Back Row: John Murtagh, Tom Cooney, Paddy Cooney, Matt Fay, Eamon Murtagh.

Middle Row: Nancy Quinn, Anna Cooney, Catherine Cooney, Mary Collins, Patricia Fay.

Front Row; Frances Burke, Eileen Docherty, Marie Brady (deceased), Peter Brady.



Morrow's Old House

One of our emigrants, Charles Morrow, seen here looking through the ruins of his parent's old home in Nolagh. A constant reader of the Eastender, octogenarian Mr. Morrow loves his native land and this old Morrow homestead.



Charles and his wife seen here, with the Ship's captain, enjoying a trip on a cruise ship in 1998.



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Down Bailieboro's Memory lane

The Late Anne McDonagh's School Concert in the Bailieboro Community Centre in 1947

(Photos kindly given to us by Anne McMullan-McEvoy)



Aisling McLoughlin, Anne McDonagh N.T.,
Anne McEvoy.



Front Row: Peter Farrell, Agnes Smith, Henry Paul McDonald.
Back: Joseph McDonald, Noel Clarke, Frances Farrell,
Sean McCabe and P.J. Treacey.



Front: Neill O'Brien, A girl that we cannot
identify, and Justin Ward.
Rear: Cella Ward and Michael Boland N.T.



Front Row: Tom McEvoy, Madeline Rachael, P.J. Murtagh,
Eilish McLoughlin, Noel Clarke.
Middle Row: Kitty McPhillips, Sean McCabe, Binkie McEvoy.
Back Row: Terry O'Neill, and Joseph McDonald.



Marie Rogers, Mary Byrne,
Eilish McLoughlin.



Front L. to R.: James Carolan,
Mary Byrne, Tom McEvoy.

Middle L. to R.: Neill O'Brien,
Peggie Rafferty, Denis Smith,
Anne Carolan.

Back L. to R.: Lizzie Crossan,
Doloses Clarke, Mella McEvoy,
and Pat McDonald

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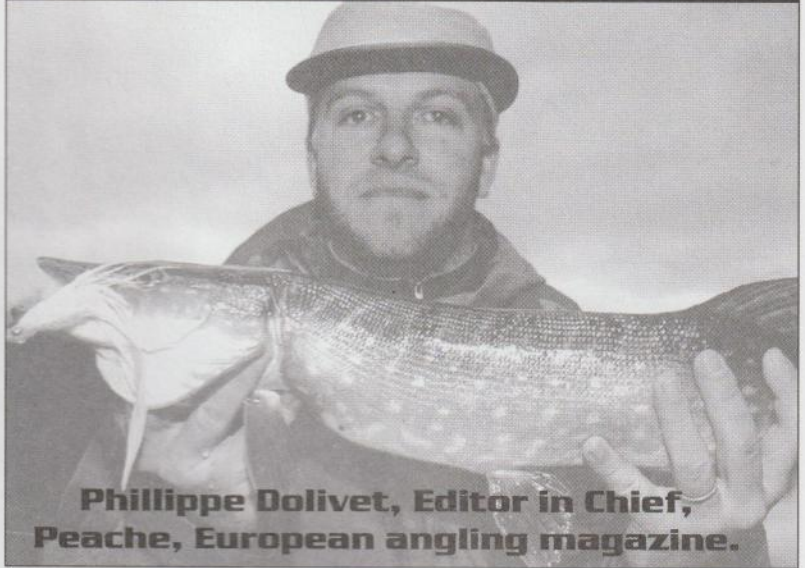
I apologise to our Readers and Advertiser for the delay in getting out this edition of this newsletter. The reasons were (a) I got a new Mackintosh Computer and the latest in Desk Top Publishing equipment and had to learn how to use them, (b) I was involved in the publication of the Kingscourt Stars G.F.C. booklet (c) I had to attend to some urgent personal matters. This being a one man business means "One Out All Out".

Peter Mc Connell, Editor.

Dancing

Sat. May 26th. Jolly Old Cross (Cormeen) • The Inlaws
 Sun. May 27th. The Oasis (Carrickmacross) • Winter Winds
 Sat. June 2nd. Jolly Old Cross (Cormeen) • Lavey Trio
 Sun. June 3rd. The Oasis (Carrickmacross) • Harmony.
 Sat. June 9th. Jolly Old Cross (Cormeen) • Select Two
 Sun. June 10th. The Oasis (Carrickmacross) • Top Gear
 Fri. June 15th. The Oasis (Carrickmacross)
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Brittany, February 13th, 2001

Dear Anna Mai and Peter,

Please, find enclosed some pictures that may be of use to your business. Matthieu and I take this occasion to thank both of you again very much for your warm welcome and hospitality. The article about Fly-Fishing for pike in Monaghan and Cavan Counties should be published in our September/October issue, on newstand end of August. I will make sure that you receive some copies

Matthieu and I might come back this year for shooting a movie about Fly Fishing for pike in your area. If it happens, we will be delighted to see you again and you will hear about it from David anyway.

Best regards.

Philippe DOLIVET
 Editor in chief

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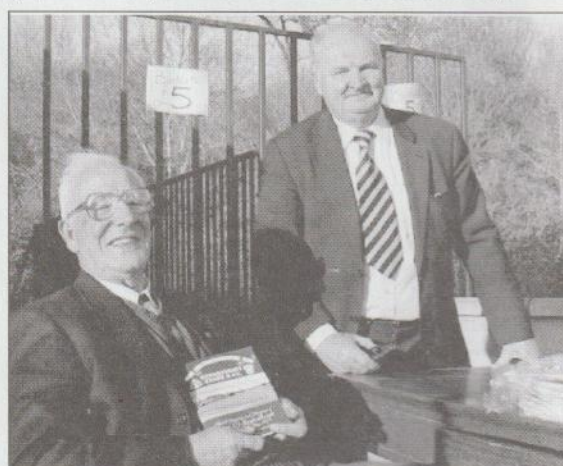
Re-Opening of redeveloped O'Raghallaigh C



Platform Party Left to Right; Tom Boylan (Treasurer Cavan Co. Board), Michael Greenan (Vice Chairman Ulster Council), Phil Brady (Central Council Rep.), Martha Murtagh, Brendan Murtagh, Bridget Murtagh, Eugene Murtagh, Very Rev. Fr. Sean heaney P.P., Sean Farrelly (Chairman Kingscourt Stars G.F.C.), Sean McCague (G.A.A. President), George Cartwright (Chairman Cavan Co. Board), Rosena Jordan (Sec. Kingscourt Stars G.F.C.), Philip Smith (Development Officer Kingscourt Stars G.F.C. & Chairman Minor Section Cavan County Board) (hidden), Frank Boylan (Treasurer Kingscourt Stars G.F.C.) and Clifford Kelly (Cavan County Councillor & Chairman Co. Cavan V.E.C.).



The President of the G.A.A., Sean McCague, unveiling one of the plaques; Left to right; Sean Farrelly, Sean Mc Cague, Rosena Jordan, Fr. Heaney (Who gave the blessing) and Jim Mc Govern (P.R.O. Kingscourt Stars G.F.C.).



Matt Kennedy (on right) and his friend Jack Coldrick (Navan) selling the Commemorative Booklet at the reopening ceremonies.



Eugene Murtagh, the last surviving member of the 1940's committee involved in the purchase of the grounds - now known as O'Raghally Park, accepts a presentation from the Club Chairman, Sean Farrelly. On Mr Murtagh's left are his son Brendan and wife Bridget.



The President of the G.A.A. today meets one of its finest players of all time, the legendary Peter Donohoe, now living happily in retirement in Kingscourt. In the picture are left to right; Sheila Carolan, Sean McCague (G.A.A. president), Bridgie Donohoe, Peter Donohoe and Lanzie Carolan.



Kingscourt's pride and joy - St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band - leads the parade and entertains the crowd, as it has done on all of Kingscourt's Red Letter Days since the band's foundation in 1916.



Paula Carolan , on horseback, leads the parade as her late uncle Michael did at the park's original opening 50 years ago to the day.

G.A.A. Park Kingscourt



Ellen Tinley, one of the young lady players of Gaelic football in Kingscourt.



Tommy Reilly and his T.V. camera as he records for posterity the events which form the heart and core of life in Kingscourt. During the ceremonies Tommy was made a presentation in recognition of the endless hours of hard work that he also puts into keeping the grass in and around the pitch in such good condition, (it always looks as if it has just been "manicured").



The smiles that say it all. Sean Farrelly, club chairman and Philip Smith, development officer, in a happy mood at the re-opening of their park which is now one of the best provincial Gaelic Football Pitches in the country.



Rosena Jordan, Kingscourt Stars Secretary, makes the presentation to the captain of the victorious Meath Ladies Team who defeated Monaghan in a friendly match that day.



Mrs. Margaret Cameron (nee Lynch from Turner's Hill), now living in Long Island, New York, who carried the flag in the original park opening parade in 1951.



The late Michael Carolan (the tall chap in the photo above), who led that 1951 parade on horseback.

Bailieboro Community School Sporting Sponsorships



Captains in front row left to right; Arlene Clarke (ladies football), Shane Reilly (senior football), Michelle Clarke (camogie), Paul Sharkey (U16 Football) Sponsors 2nd. row left to right; Kieran Smith (Mngr. Bailieboro Credit Union), Ted Sheridan (Chairman do.), Norbert O'Reilly M.D. Coolrite Ltd.). Coaches (Teachers) back row left to right; Anthony Farrell, Fr. M. Router, Valerie McCormick (School Principal), Mary O'Rourke, Seamus Sheridan.



Carricleck N.S. children who received first communion recently, left to right; Darragh McGrath, Leona McDonald, Niall Yorke. Parish Priest Fr. Heaney and Teacher Rosena Jordan are at the rear.

High Jinks and Revelry at the 60's and 70's Disco in aid of the Cavan Drugs Awareness Group, held in Kingscourt's 'Porter House' recently.



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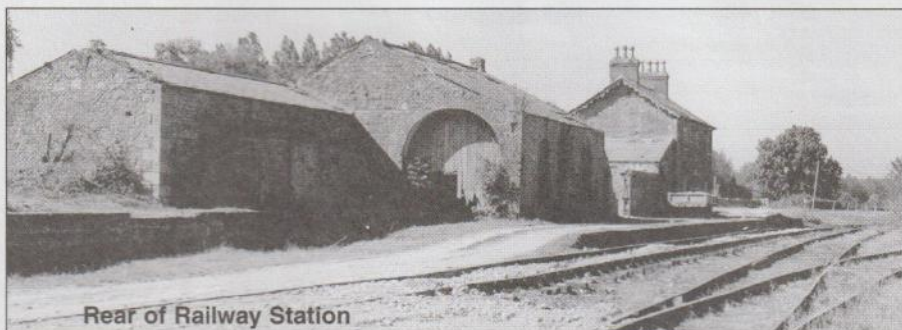
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Re-Opening of Kingscourt Railway Station Will Be the Making of this Area

Despite the high density of industry in this eastern end of County Cavan we do not have a decent road through or leading in or out of here. We do have however functioning and in use railway lines from Navan to Kingscourt. At present these lines are only used to carry freight. The old Station house still stands but it is in a sad state of decay.

Local County Councillor Clifford Kelly has told this newsletter that there is now a very good chance that after all those years a passenger rail service from Kingscourt to Navan will be restored. The reason for Clifford's optimism is that the Government is considering the much needed provision of a rail service between Dublin and Navan and the dedicated councillor is lobbying relentlessly and at the highest levels of Government to have that proposed passenger rail service extended down to his native and beloved Kingscourt.

Kingscourt Community Council, which he chairs, are now well advanced with their plans to restore and renovate the old Kingscourt Railway Station. The outside of which will be restored to its former glory and the inside will be reconstructed in such a way that while waiting on it to become a Station house again it can, in the meantime, be used as a Heritage and Culture Centre. Other old buildings nearby will also be renovated and new buildings will be added and units will then be rented out to form a regional Business and Commercial complex. The revenue thus generated will be used to maintain and expand the buildings.

Carrickmacross Urban District Council and Chamber of Commerce are also lobbying hard to have the Kingscourt Station reopened and they plan to put on "Feeder Buses" from their town to the station. In fact so confident and eager are the Carrick business people that auctioneers in that town have advertised some of their property as being "Within easy reach of the new Kingscourt Railway Station".

Clifford told us that Kingscourt's old railway station has associations with Brendan Behan, who apparently worked there at some time during the last war. Some of his witty graffiti is still to be seen on the old inside walls and The Eastender is seeking the help of Clifford and Jim Patterson to bring you readers more on this and on the history of this old station in our next issue.

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Editorial Comment

Foot and Mouth, Mad Cow Disease and Us.
(By Peter McConnell)

It is really sad to see our little country under such a threat at a time when, as a nation, we were only getting on our feet. One aspect of this situation gives this writer, as an Irishman, qualms of conscience. We are still complaining about how the British and the world in general "stood idly by" with food to spare, while our ancestors, men, women and children starved to death in the poorer parts of this country then.

Today in "Holy Ireland" we destroy thousands of tons of meat every week, while in other parts of this world of ours thousands of people are dying each day of starvation, among them innocent children frantically sucking their emaciated mother's breasts as they instinctively fight for the young life that should be theirs.

I read a report that one such country's leader appealed to the Irish government to send his country the meat that we were destroying because of the threat of Mad Cow Disease that could be transmitted to humans. This leader stated that his people would prefer the minimal risk of catching Mad Cow Disease to their present certainty of death from starvation. That plea fell on deaf ears, our leaders of Church and State for once keep their mouths shut, as do the "liberal" media. Sure it would be very difficult to prepare that meat, can it and get it out there. But to the shame of us and our country, we did not even try.

How can our aid workers explain this to the starving people in the third world that they are gallantly trying to help?

Closure of Bailieboro Foundry

As we go to press we receive non confirmed reports that the Bailieboro Foundry is closing down once again. If this is true it is very bad news for the employees and the Bailieboro area. This area was just recovering after the Bailieboro Co. Op./Goodman/Horse Co. catastrophies that it could do without any more "closures". There is also widespread disappointment at the failure of the Bailieboro Enterprise Centre to provide new real jobs in the area.

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Details from Mary Carolan042 966 5978

The Princess Maude

(By Frank Horan Chairman of Mayo Irish Association in England)

Many will recall with mixed emotions the first time they left home. The great adventure for many of us meant a "maiden voyage" across the Irish Sea on board that creaking old 'Cattleship' - "The Princess Maude". Those are my recollections of those times. I hope the following poem will bring back many memories to many people.

The Princess Maude

I stood outside the iron gate my suitcase in my hand,
The time had come for me to go and leave my native land,
My mother dear God bless her, could not hold back the tears,
Like a million other mothers for years, and years, and years.

I board the train in Galway, at last I'm really on my way,
Seldom on a train before by-God, this is a special day.
The rain was lashing down as Dublin came to view,
Soon it was Dunlaoire, the dream was coming true.
The scene was wild and wintry, but we weren't overawed,
As we sailed for dear old England on board the Princess Maude.

Darkness was falling as we rode the wintry seas,
The lights of Ireland fading, to become fond memories.
The Maude was creaking, tossing, lashed by wind and rain,
And the sea-sickness gripped us, as our stomachs ached with pain.
The feeling it was awful as you tried to keep your head,
As you rolled about that bloody boat, you wished that you were dead,
Murphy in his agony belched and cried and roared,
"Get me absolution quick" says he, "for I'm jumping overboard."

But Holyhead was beckoning at the deadly hour of three,
As the 'Maude' came into harbour, and we left that dreadful sea.
The 'Irish Mail' was waiting - 'J'es I've never seen a train so long,
We bundled in as best we could, a tired and weary throng.
The train's pervading whistle aroused us now and then,
As we roared through station after station, after station,
Then back to sleep again.

Dawn was slowly breaking as we eagerly caught view,
Rows and rows of sleeping houses, against a sky of black and blue,
The train was moving gently now slowly journeys' end,
As we said "hello" to Euston and looked around for friends.
The bustle and the noise, the rushing and the strife,
"Jes" this is the biggest shed I've seen in all my life".
Murphy was so happy, his story must be told,
For he'd made it to old London, where the streets are paved with gold,
Suddenly (on the platform) - He saw a fiver without warning,
But he kicked it deftly to one side -(says he) - "I'll start collecting in the morning".

So we scattered far and near for many destinations,
To try our luck and make our way, like many, many generations.
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Front Row L. to R; Michelle Reilly, Eugene McEnroe, Brendan McHugh and John Cassidy.
Back Row; Fr. Michael Router, Dermot Duffy (Duffy School of Motoring), James Smith, Barry Moore, Sharon Tierney, Melissa Murray, Joe Kirwan (U - Drive School of Motoring), Paddy O'Reilly (Chairman).

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Middle Row: Ciara Minagh, Sinead Sexton, Emily Millar, Amy O'Sullivan, Nicola Carroll, Teresa Rice, Ruth Garvey, Mary Corbally, Rachel McCabe and Michelle Gaynor.

Front Row: Cheryl Quigley, Louise Cosgrave, Marina McEntee, Niamh O'Reilly,

Sitting: Shauna Clarke, Jennifer Smith and Courtney Murray



St. Joseph's boys who received their First Holy Communion recently.

At rear; Fr. Sean Heaney P.P. and Geraldine Boyle (Teacher).

Standing Left to Right; Cian McArdle, Jack Sheenan, David Donagh, John Tierney, Conor Smith, Kenneth Gargan, Jack Hegarty and Dean Campbell.

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Dear Brigie,

I am a married woman and I left work early on Friday evening but instead of going home, I squandered the weekend, (and pay cheque too), partying with the girls, (you know what it is like Brigie - one in "The Block's", then a couple in The Porter House, good craic in Murtagh's, a couple in Gartlan's, and back up to Freeman's, then the Disco in Dun a Ri and finishing the night at an all night party in Mount St. Joseph, and that was only Friday night.)

When I finally returned home on Sunday night, I ran into a barrage of abuse from my husband. After a couple of hours of cursing and swearing, my husband asked "How would you like it if you didn't see me for a couple of days?"

"That would suit me just fine!!" I said.

Monday went by Brigie and I didn't see him. Tuesday and Wednesday went by with the same result. Come Thursday, the swelling went down a bit and I could see him a little, just out of the corner of my left eye.

What should I do Brigie?

Worried Wife, (Kingscourt).

Dear Worried,

Dont worry, just keep bathing the other eye and you will be able to see all of him soon. Isent Kingscourt great for the bit of craic, there's no fun like that over here in Hackballscross atall.

Brigie

Dear Brigie,

Would you please warn your wives about what they say if their husbands ask them what they would like for their birthday, because this is what happened to me on my birthday last year.

My husband asked me, "What would you most like for your birthday?" I said, "I'd love to be ten again."

On the morning of my birthday, he got me up bright and early and off we went to the Jamboree in Killenkere. He put me on every ride in the park --the Death Slide, The Screaming Loop, the Wall of Fear. Everything there was, up I had to go on it.

I staggered out of the field five hours later, my head reeling and my stomach upside down. Into the bar he took me and got me a big Club Orange and a bag of Crisps. Then he lifted me into the Four x Four and off we head for McDonalds in Navan, there I was put sitting down at the children's little table and given a Double Big Mac with extra fries and a strawberry shake. Then off to the Cinema across the road to see Star Wars--more burgers, popcorn, cola and sweets.

At last I staggered home with him and collapsed into bed. He leaned over and asked, "Well, dear, what was it like being ten again?"

I opened one eye and looked at him but I hadent the heart to tell him that I actually meant dress size.

Yours truly, Rosie, (From Bailieboro)

Dear Rosie,

Dont be too hard on the poor divil, sure what do men know about dress sizes and wasent he great to think of your birthday atall. On my last birthday my husband took me to the Mart in Kingscourt and didnt a cow with the scour splatter my best dress. My this year's birthday is coming up soon and I hope the bloody mart is not open for it. I will tell the wives that read this to be sure they tell them what exactly they want for their birthday, because it is no good being vague and saying that you would like something nice, 'cos he will think that means "pointing to the room" early and maybe you watching Coronation Street.

Happy Birthdays, Brigie

Dear Brigie,

I am a 45 year old woman and I went to my doctor for a check up. After examining me he said "You have the breasts of an 18 year old."

I was so happy that I went home, took off all my clothes and started jumping up and down on the bed singing and laughing. Just at that didnt my husband come in from Kingspan. He watched in amazement for a while then asked "what the hell is wrong with you". I told him what the doctor had said about my breasts. Well he gave one of them old sarcastic laughs and asked "what did he say about your 45 year old ass?"

"Your name never came up", says I. Dident I shut him up Brigie?

Katie (Kingscourt)

Dear Katie

Fair play to you, men are too bloody smart, they don't half appreciate us, only when there is nothing on telly.

Brigie



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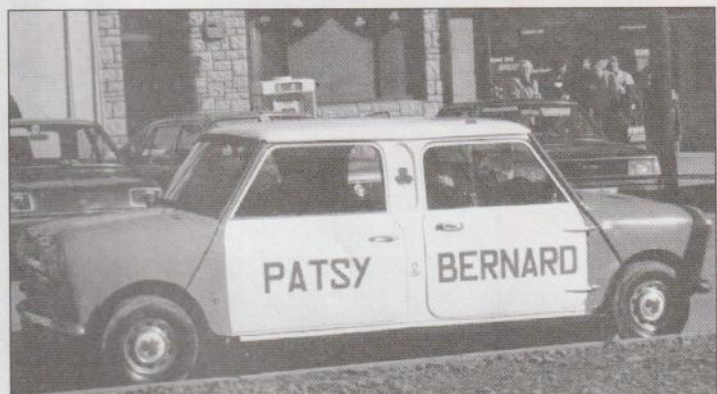
Sunday June 10th next will be a great day of fun in Bailieboro when hundreds of people of all age groups, makes and shapes will walk run or jog for the charity of their choice. The event has been given a great boost this year by the decision of Northern Sound Radio to sponsor the event.

The Bailieboro Mini Marathon is a fun day for all the family. Dress up or down and bring the dog and the children. You have a choice of a 4 or 6 mile route. Refreshments are served, certificates are presented and the facilities of Bailieboro Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre are free on the day to all who complete the marathon.

Registration Fee is £5 for adults, £3 for students (dogs are free). To register or obtain more information phone Mary Carolan 042 966 5978.



Some of the women and men taking part in last year's Bailieboro Mini Marathon.



In years gone by this "Two Way Car", above, charmed the children and amused the adults as it "manouvered" its way in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Kingscourt, driven by two of the town's best known sons Patsy Sherlock and Bernard O'Reilly.

It was to make a welcome re-appearance at this years parade but sadly that was cancelled because of the Foot and Mouth crisis. The Eastender appeals to Patsy and Bernard to keep it shined, oiled and greased for next year's parade.



A Beautiful Day in a Beautiful Place Last Summer.

English fishermen Ray Dermott and Andy Sixth-Smith, with their local "guides" Niomh and Ciaran Crosby, on the shores of Bailieboro's picturesque Castle Lake. With the easing of the Foot and Mouth restrictions many British, American and European visitors have planned visits to this beautiful and friendly part of County Cavan.



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