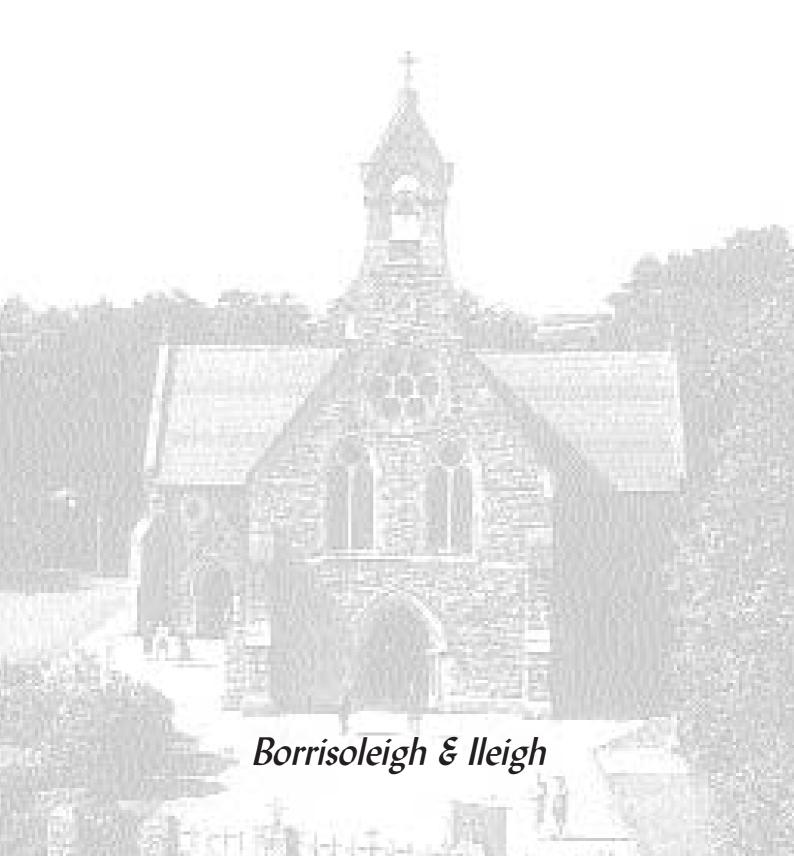


# Faces & Places





Dedicated to the people of Borrisoleigh & lleigh, past, present and future.



## Borrisoleigh

Borrisoleigh is a small market town which is situated on the R498, 16km from Thurles and 24km from Nenagh. It boasts Georgian architecture and some traditional shop fronts. Situated on McDonagh Square is the Sacred Heart Church, which was built by architect Walter Doolin and local builder Thomas Williams. The cream sandstone of the window and door surrounds was quarried at Drombane, 19km away, as was that used in Cormac's Chapel on the famous Rock of Cashel.

Two local missionary bishops, Joseph Shanahan (1871-1943) and Thomas Quinlan (1896-1970) are commemorated inside. A replica of the 1,300 year old St. Cualan's Bell is also on display. The original was sold to a British Museum by its finder 200 years ago. Another lovely old church can be found in Ileigh. Its foundation stone was laid in 1826. The church has always been simply known as "Ileigh Church". It was built in the style known as a "Barn Church" - there are no windows on one side of the main aisle. Borrisoleigh is also home to the remains of a 15th century tower house - a de Burgo fortress. This can be viewed from the Templemore Road.

Many sons of the area have donned county colours and hurled with enthusiasm and many All-Ireland medals have been brought home to the parish. There is also a great tradition of greyhound rearing and racing in Borrisoleigh. Every year on St. Stephen's Day the renowned Coursing takes place in the parish. Many famous winning greyhounds have come from Borrisoleigh.

The parish is also home to the famous Tipperary Mineral Water and Soft Drinks Plant. Tipperary Mineral Water is recognised far and wide. As of today, Borrisoleigh is an expanding and busy town which has seen major housing and industrial development in recent years.



## Borrisoleigh Development Association

The inspiration for this book came about as a result of a very successful Photographic Exhibition which was held in our Local Oratory in November 1997, to celebrate the Fair of Borris.

The vast number of interesting photographs displayed at this time were enjoyed and appreciated by all. They brought back many memories and thoughts of days gone by. It was decided that a collection of this material would preserve the *Faces and Places* of Borrisoleigh and lleigh and so the task began...

A special feature included in this publication is a photograph of every pupil attending our three primary schools in 2004/2005.

It is my hope that this book will give great enjoyment and delight to those who are living in the parish at present and to our future generations. Let's hope this collection will travel to all corners of the world where it will rekindle homely thoughts for all.

"Just because the tale has been told, It doesn't mean the story has ended."

Jimmy Stapleton Chairperson

May 2005



#### **Committee**

**Back:** George Ryan, Jimmy Stapleton, Marie McGrath, Gerard Ryan, Rena Ryan, Richie Tynan and Michael Delaney **Front:** Mary Lanigan-Ryan, Rev. Michael Barry C.C. and Michelle Duignan Missing from photograph: Dave Carter

### **Foreword**

They say that the way to cure homesickness is to go home. And when you can't go home, or can't go back, the mind's eye takes you there. Books like **Faces and Places** painstakingly assembled and scrupulously documented, make the journey both amusing and sad.

A hundred times a day, images from the past and from home shoot up from the memory, recalling a special time and place. Maybe it's a mental picture of John Delaney from Rathmoy singing in his wonderful tenor voice on his way to the creamery with tanks of milk on the horse-drawn car, or Nellie Patterson gathering a bunch of flowers in the ditch, as we traipsed home from school. Or what about Willie Burke throwing the tea leaves out the front door of his house, on Lower Street! (I'm sure the EU has passed a law against it since). Or a sow devouring a box of oranges, outside Biddy Patterson's shop, on her way to a romantic interlude at Dwan's of Ballyroan!

Or Jimmy Chadwick's *Tiger Moth* aeroplane putt-putting over the tree-tops on a summer's evening, after taking off from Cooke's demesne. Or the beautiful and mysterious Children of Mary, in lace veils and blue dresses, kneeling at the top of the Sacred Heart Church, in the dim light during the annual Forty Hours. (It was always held on the weekend of the Football All-Ireland, distressingly close to the onset of winter). Or the light coming through the stain glass windows, one by Harry Clarke, in the Church. Or our early forays into Irish dancing in the Marian Hall with Mr. Nolan for two shillings a class. Or us as children swimming in the river under a mighty dam of sandbags. Or Sean Kenny, great hurler and wit, in a tweed jacket standing in The Square. Or Josie Devaney, in elegant fur and gold drop earrings, outside her house opposite the Park... Or Mick Prior and Peadar Cummins hurling with the Juveniles... Sometimes you wonder did you dream it all!

This marvellous book shows smiling faces, but signals too that life was not always a bed of roses for the people of Borrisoleigh and its hinterland. There are pictures from harsh times, when the State provided little or no help. The Church provided solace and education, but led more with stick than carrot. Parents parted with their emigrating children. Where there was no property to inherit, opportunity was extremely limited.

The signs of struggle are in the faces in this book, when lives were lived out in hardship and families heroically survived grinding poverty. Patriarchal times are glimpsed in these pages, austere times for women in particular.

In these pages are shades of the Brehon Laws too. The Celtic customs of former 'clan life' are evident in some of the pictures, when the land was often tilled, sowed, and reaped with the assistance of neighbours. And produce was divided.

This is a pictorial guidebook to Borrisoleigh's history, both distant and recent. It is a catalogue of the people and their own place and time. It is not just a book for anyone interested in Borrisoleigh, Co Tipperary.

It is not just a mere collection of pictures of young, middle-aged and older people. It is a visual record of the profound changes that have occurred in over 100 years of history in Ireland.

The book does not just remind us of the actual people in the photographs. It also evokes memories of other people altogether, of events, of phrases and sayings, of clips of lost conversations, of scenes long forgotten. The picture at the Fountain from over 30 years ago reminds me of a story of unrequited love in Borrisoleigh, where the heartsore man placed his head under the gushing waters and declared "cooling waters quench the ardour of my burning love". Borrisoleigh always had that romantic undercurrent.

There are images of children on the frozen pond in Cooke's by the Pallas Road. That was a safer world when children could roam freely. When we were young, we crossed over the river from Rathmoy and into Cooke's like brigands to explore the Fort and slide in our wellingtons across that great pond, the Lough of Garrane. Global warming seems to have put a stop to that activity, and stories of driving tractors across the lake in the black of winter are just legend now.

To Father Michael Barry and committee chairman, Jimmy Stapleton, and all those who put this book together, we must give thanks. The toil that goes into collecting a volume of photographs such as this, finding captions and ensuring they are correct, is gruelling and protracted. In giving us *Faces and Places*, they have given Borrisoleigh a record of historical and contemporary life. It is a fine and enduring gift.

It is a book that needs to be perused at leisure. For those of us who still suffer regular bouts of nostalgia for home, it takes us back to the wonderful magical times we spent in Borrisoleigh, the centre of our universe.

Maol Muire Tynan

Mad Marie Iggs

## Fair Borrisoleigh

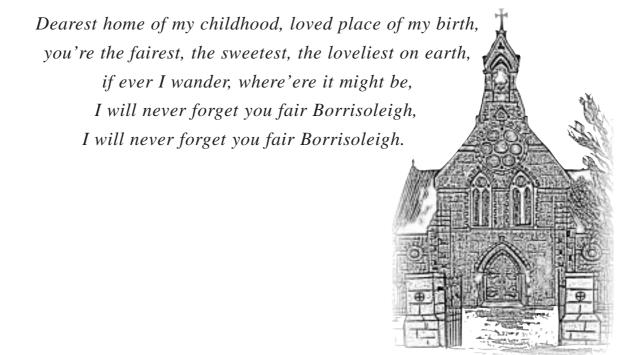
(by Pat Mahon)

There's a neat little town that stands in a vale, in the midst of green mountains, valleys and dale, on a sweet sparkling river that's lovely to see, 'tis the home of my childhood fair Borrisoleigh.

The meadows all round are lovely and grand, covered o'er with wild flowers from nature's own hand, the green mantled hillsides would delight you to see oh rare are thine equals fair Borrisoleigh.

There's its beautiful church with its stately cross crown, that sign of redemption high over the town, it's as beauteous a building as any might be, and it stands in thy centre fair Borrisoleigh.

There's the ancient old castle that stands by the stream, where the warrior fought and the bard sang his theme, with its ivy crowned turrets it stands majestically, looking silently over fair Borrisoleigh.





Borrisoleigh Festival in the late 1960s Josie Stapleton (at top) and Jimmy Chadwick Jnr. (near boat) in full swing.



Scór na nÓg Munster Finalists (Figure Dancing) 2003 Back: Mick Fahey, Brendan Maher, Peter Ryan and Toby Kavanagh Front: Margaret Ryan, Bríd Harty, Marie Ryan and Elaine Stapleton



**Back:** Stephen Ryan, Lar Long, Phil Harty and Oliver Kent **Front:** Pat Harty, Ned Harty, Fitz Chadwick and Pat Fanning



Norah Butler and Mary Clohessy pictured in Áras an Uachtaráin



Tim and Margaret Costello, Post Office, Pallas Street, grandparents of Mary who is Postmistress at present.



Martin, Sean, Brendan and John Maher with Clare Hanley B.Ed. on the occasion of her departure from Fantane School. Clare, (nee Kenny) who is now principal in Barnane N.S. taught in Fantane for thirteen years.



Sunday August 16th 1959 - after Mass
Ned Hogan, Jack Bourke, Pat Small, Pat Kennedy, Martin Treacy, John Kenny.
Boy on left: Joe Stapleton.



Convent of Mercy, Borrisoleigh late 1970s

Back: Bridget Ryan, Margaret Hoban, Fiona O'Donnell, Deirdre Maher, Agnes Lanigan-Ryan, Frances Whyte and Sr. Mary
 Middle: Angela Butler, Martina Ryan, Mary Reid, Pauline Small and Tara O' Neill
 Front: Lorraine Glasheen, Claire Ryan, Madeline Lanigan-Ryan, Sheila Kenny and Gina Kenny



**Gymkana in Ballinonty**Brid McGrath, John McGrath and Mary Walsh



Cross Country Races

John Paul Fahey, Seamus Farrell, Paraic Maher, Dinny Howard,
Derek Ryan, Micheal Sadlier and Brian O'Rourke



**Finn's Bar** Christy Slattery, Betty Martin, Pat Maher and Norrie Ryan



The Men Behind the Wire

Mick Collins, Tom Ryan Murray, Kevin Whyte and Billy Kelly, Templemore, studying form in Bishop Quinlan Park.



Bridget Ryan, Chapel St., John Young, Main St. and Colette O' Dwyer, Main St. in the 1960s



Margaret, Aidan and Joanne Cowan with Agnes Lanigan-Ryan



Billy Ryan, Fantane and Phil Fahey enjoying a pint.



Denis Gleeson, Glenbreeda, going to the creamery



**Set Dancers** 

**Back:** Gerry Ryan, Peadar Cummins, Paddy Hennessy and Jimmy Molumby **Front:** Delia Ryan, Biddy Stapleton, Phil Maher, Mary Kenny and Una Molumby



**Bishop Shanahan's Monument**Mary Maher, Josie Treacy, Thomas Russell,
and Sr. Evelyn Russell



**Birthday Greetings**Joe Prior celebrating his 70th birthday with Sean, Olive and Una



Corcoran Family, Currabaha Seamus, William, Michael, Damien, Sarah and Jamie Corcoran



**Sponsored Cycle in aid of the new playground 2004** Ruairí O'Connell, Jimmy Stapleton and Richie Tynan



**Four Generations of the Ryan Family, Garranagreena**Paddy with his father Jack, grandmother Margaret and daughter Sarah.



Back: John McGrath, Mick Collins,
Paddy Delaney, Tony Rabbitte and Tom Kiely
Front: Michael Small and Sgt. Pat Forde
(On the occasion of Pat Forde's departure from Borrisoleigh)



Jimmy Murphy, Glenkeen, James Stapleton and Jackie Gleeson pictured at the open hearth fire in Murphy's, Glenkeen.



Michelle Stapleton with Oran and Cillian Bergin, Chapel Street



**First Cousins** Gemma Mockler, Lisa O'Mahony, Tara Mockler and Teresa Ryan



Lanigan-Ryan's Lane in the 1970s
Back: Liam McGrath and Shane O' Neill
Front: Madeline, Agnes, Noel and Thomas Lanigan-Ryan and Tara O' Neill



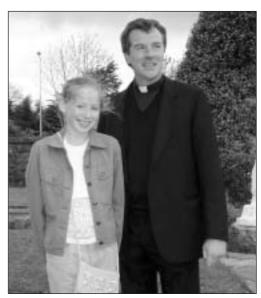
Grace Ryan and Shauna Rabbitte



Maher's Pub Mick and Nellie Ryan, Mountkinane



Matt Stapleton and Jackie Gleeson



Confirmation Day 2003
Marie Tynan and Rev. .Nicholas Irwin CC



Liam Devaney and Tony Maher



Anne-Marie Kavanagh and Katie Ryan, Ileigh



On the Box Matt Patterson



McGrath's, Greenlawn in the early 1970s Carmel Quirke, Holycross, Ann, John, Maureen, Tom and Liam McGrath



Vincent Stapleton, Pallas Cross



Outside the Church Jack Bourke (with hat), Mick Collins and Freddie Bourke



**All-Ireland Hurling Final 1951** 

Jimmy Finn, Rathmoy, 19 years old, leads Tipperary to victory against Kilkenny, with a score of 1-8 to 1-9. Also on the panel were Philly Ryan, Sean Kenny, Paddy Kenny, Ned Ryan and Tim Ryan Jimmy Finn also won All-Ireland medals in 1950 and 1958.



Jimmy Chadwick Jnr. putting a Tiger in his Tank - 1960s



Back: Mary Butler and Una Molumby
Front: Mary Costello, Josephine Chadwick and Kay Kenny
at a variety concert in the Marian Hall in the 1970s.



Connie and Joan Campion, Main Street



Michael Ryan, Chapel St., Tom Maher (child) and Dan Maher, Greenlawn with **Champion Prince** (in centre) winner of The Puppy Derby in the early 1950s.



Breda Mulqueen, Ballywilliam, Tim McLoughney Glentane, Peggy Martin, Clonmore and Jim Carey, Killoskehane



Jimmy and Susan Chadwick with Anna and Connie Ryan, Coohaun



The War Dance
Seamus Hynes demonstrates his dancing talents.



Matt Stapleton, Finnahy, Matt Stapleton, Pallas Cross and Tom Tierney



**Chapel Street 1921** 



Fantane Primary School 1962

Back: Seamus Treacy, Pat Kennedy, Mr. O'Sullivan, Noreen Madden, Michael Walsh, Michael Ryan, Anne Treacy, John Gilmartin, Teresa Treacy, Michael Ryan, Marion Ryan, Teresa Walsh, Mary Gilmartin and Mrs. Ryan
3rd Row: Pat Ryan, Dan Madden, Ann Walsh, Mary Ryan, Freda Kelly, Bridie Kennedy, Marion McLoughney, Philomena Walsh, Marion Connors, Mary Kelly, Ann Ryan, Michael Treacy, Margaret Tierney and John Ryan
2nd Row: Billy Ryan, John Ryan, Jimmy Farrell, Paul Ryan, Gerard Ryan, Gerard Howard, Seamus O'Dwyer, Michael Treacy, John F. Ryan
Front: Donnacha O'Dwyer, Jimmy Connors, Michael Ryan, Gerard Kennedy and Michael O'Dwyer



Tom Barry, Glenbreeda



Tina Campion and Noreen Hogan at a Scór in the Marian Hall in 1976.



Paddy Murray and Connie Campion



Macra na Feirme in the 1970s

Back: Margaret Stapleton, Tom Everard, Paddy McDonnell, Rory O'Dwyer,
Michael Brett, James Slattery, Gerry Martin, Conor Ryan and John Slattery
3rd row: Tom Costello, Kathleen Murphy, Martin Ryan, Catherine Boyle,
Phil Maher, Teresa Stapleton, Martin Costello and Michael Ryan, Coolawn
2nd row: Paddy Ryan Murray, Donnacha O'Dwyer, Geraldine Ryan, Gerry Ryan, Cooleen,
Margaret Ryan, The Glebe and Michael Ryan, Glenarisk
Front: Paddy Connors, Timmy Ryan, Ileigh, Donal Kennedy, Ann Kearney, Alice O'Meara and Mary Carey



Finns of Rathmoy Martina Finn, Jimmy Finn, Pakie Finn, Anna White and Natalie Finn



Eileen and Jimmy Shanahan, Curnaboola



**Musical Moments** Emma Treacy, Sarah Maher, Paul Maher and Brendan Maher



Fiona Leamy, Clare Ryan, Michael Ryan, Sarah Leamy and Clóda Scanlon



Ellen Nora Delaney, Sinead Stapleton and Louise Ryan, Ballyroan



Fair Day, Main Street



Ryan's of Coolataggle
Catherine Ryan, Fiona Ryan, Ann Ryan, Sean Stapleton,
Liam Ryan and Julie Ryan (on donkey)
In front: Pamela Ryan



**Chapel Street 1922** 



The O'Dwyer Family, Currabaha

Back: Maura, Breda, Kathleen, Ailish, Mick Joe, Bridget, Therese, Noreen, Christina and Patricia
Front: Seamus, Donnacha, Micheál, Rory, Francis and Billy



Jim Ryan, Gortalough, Tom Joe Spillane and Terence McCormack pictured in Derry Bourke's



William and Catherine Meagher, Lower Street ran a cobblers where Marion O'Mahony's hair salon is today.



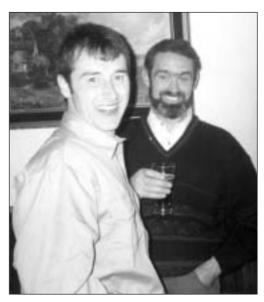
John Kennedy, Knockahorna and Seamus Bourke, Cullohill at a dance in the Marian Hall.



Bobby Ryan, captain of the Tipperary Hurling Team who won the All-Ireland in 1989, pictured here with Vincent O'Sullivan.



James Coffey, Lower Street and Con Gleeson, Summerhill



Danny Murray, Gurteeny with his brother-in-law Joe Buckley, Rathmoy.



U/14 B County Final 2003
Toby Kavanagh, Gearóid Kent and Ger Kent



**Borrisoleigh Pioneers March in Dublin**Included in the photograph are Willie Donnelly and Tom Bourke.



**Lower Street 1922** 



**Early Photograph of the Creamery**Borrisoleigh Creamery

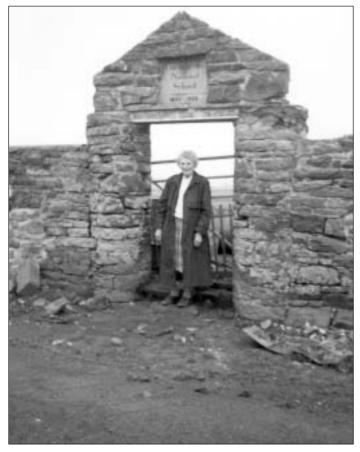


**Borris Boys in New York**Andy Spillane, Liam Young, Eamon McGrath, Thomas Young and John Young



At the Sandtrap

Back: Marion O' Driscoll, Nora Chadwick, Breda Stapleton (holding her sister Teresa) and Bridget Ryan
Front: Mary O' Dwyer, Mary Donnelly, Marion Ryan, Colette O' Dwyer and Kathleen Harty



Going Down Memory Lane
Margaret Ryan, The Glebe, past-pupil of Garrangrena N.S.
pictured here at the entrance to the original school.



Patrick, Margaret and Mary O'Connor, Cullohill



1949 County Champions - First Senior Title for the Club

Back: Jim Costello, Joe Ryan (R), Ned Finn, Raphel Ryan, Donal Meagher, Rev. John Ryan, Philly Crowley, Paddy Kenny, Billy Stapleton and Hugh Bourke
Middle: Paddy Ryan Murray, Phibby Kenny, Jimmy Coffey, Mick Joe Dwyer, Ned Ryan, Johnson Hackett, Martin Ryan and Philly Ryan
Front: Phil Maher, Tom Ryan Murray, Sean Kenny and Jimmy Finn



**Back:** John Ryan. **Front:** Emily, Seamus and Julie Ryan, Coolataggle



Going to Mass
Chris Tynan (nee Gleeson), Glenbreeda
Jack Ryan, Roo in background.



**Senior Citizens Outing** Katie Tynan, Maura Kelly and Maureen Ryan, Rathmoy



Tom Stapleton, Finnahy and Bill Doyle, Rathmoy



Outside Finn's, Main Street Oliver McSherry, Paddy Dolan, Tom Maher and Oliver Ryan



Restoring the Shop Front at Finn's, Main Street in the late 1930s



Karen and Noreen Ryan, Dromtarsna



Anna and Mary Bradshaw, Coolderry



The Ploughing Match, Dovea November 8th 1962
Paddy Purcell, Sean Corcoran, John McGrath and Jimmy Ryan, Knockbrack



Sarah, Breeda and Fiona Leamy, Currabaha



**Pallas Street Neighbours**Bridie Slattery and Con Shanahan



Tom Ryan Murrray, Ida Costello and Jim Costello at Jim's retirement party in 1989. Jim served as postmaster in Pallas Street Post Office for many years.



Kathleen Coffey with her brother Patrick from Lower Street.



Derry Bourke, Paddy Dolan, Una Molumby, Noelie Maher and Timmy McSherry



Bishop Quinlan Park

**Back:** John Young, P.J. Purcell, Jody Boyle, Michael Stapleton, Michael Hogan and Joe Loughnane **Front:** Shane Tierney and Tom Stakelum



**Tierney's of Glenbreeda**Gerry Tierney, Tim Maher (Glenmore), Mick Howard (Glenmore) and Mick Tierney



Gertie Delaney, Eileen Ryan Murray, Vincent Kearney, Dympna Dunlea, Bridget Meagher, Jimmy Coffey and Eileen Bunyan

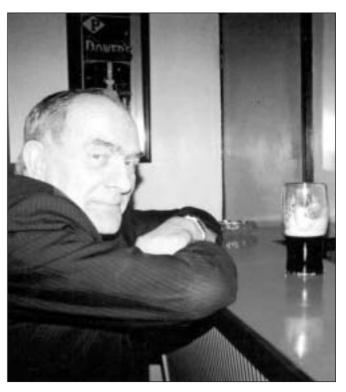


En Route to Croke Park to the All-Ireland Hurling Final Victory 2001

Mary Costigan, Shauna Ryan (child), Philip Maher (full back),
Christy Reid with his sons, Aaron and Dylan, and Darragh Rabbitte (sub goalie)



Claire Whyte with her father, Kevin, who was proprieter of Whyte's Garage where Shanahan's Foodmarket is today.



Paddy Delaney enjoys a quiet pint in Coffey's, Lower Street.



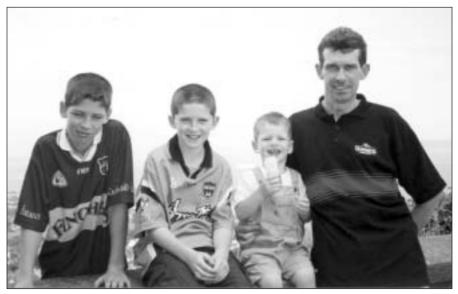
Twin Foals in Summerhill 1930s Jack, Mary and Jimmy Russell



Preparing the turkeys in Lanigan-Ryan's Butchers' Stall Tom (Snr), Tom (Jnr) and Mary



Tynan's of Rathmoy
Back: Frances, James (on lap) and Una Tynan, Kathleen Morley (nee Tynan),
Katie and Seamus Tynan
In front: Aoife and Gráinne Tynan and Michael Morley



Barry, Patrick, Aaron and Christy Donnelly, Glenkeen



**Old Style Transport** John Young, Curraghleigh



**Hurling Stars in Training**Sean and Phibby Kenny



Hynes Family, Castleview Bridget and Mick with Seamus, Marie, Kathleen and Dill



Billy Hogan, Glenbreeda, a noted local character.



Margaret Gleeson and Bernie O' Dwyer



Karting in the Old Days Jim Prior, Joe Prior, and Jimmy Chadwick (driver)



Ice-Skating on Cooke's Pond
Kathleen Harty, Marie Kinane, Catherine Chadwick (in front), Nora Chadwick, Colette O'Dwyer,
Bernie O'Dwyer, Mary O'Dwyer, Helen Chadwick, Marion Harty and Mary Chadwick



**Back**: Tommy, Joan and Josie Kinane **Front**: Marie and Pat



Back: Michael Stapleton, Oliver McSherry, Timmy Delaney, Harry Groome and Lar Smith Front: Paddy Dolan, Patrick Ryan and Gerry Ryan, Chapel Street Pictured in the Boys' Old National School, Main Street in the 1950s (Opposite the Lantern Inn)



**Borrisoleigh v Middleton Munster Final 1983**Mick Ryan in action with Kevin Hennessy



Ploughing Championships at Cooke's in the 1940s
Timmy McSherry, ....., Jack Ryan (Tim), Jimmy Brien, ....., Paddy Harty, Larry Ryan (Timmy), Paddy Stapleton,
James Coffey, Timmy Ryan, Rathcarden, ....., Joe Laffan, Jim Gilmartin and Tim Shanahan



**Ileigh Senior Hurling Team - 1940** 

Back: Tom Ryan Lanigan, Connie Stapleton, Ned Finn, Tommy Prior, John McCormack, Dan Maher, Jim Prior, Jack Hammond and Johnny Ryan
 Middle: Ronan Carroll, Pat Ryan Murray, Matt Treacy, Tom Leahy and Phil Maher
 Front: Jimmy Maher, Jim Devaney, Denis Maher and Sean Kenny
 (This team competed in the Mid Championship)



Coursing Meeting - St. Stephen's Day
Matt Stapleton, John Fogarty, Cashel, Austin Kelly, Jim Costello, Jim Farrell and Tom Costello



**Club Mascot**Paddy Dolan holding Borrisoleigh's famous mascot.



Conor Stapleton, Rathmoy



Borrisoleigh GAA Dinner Dance - Ormonde Hotel, Nenagh Joe Kenny, Mary Kenny, Imelda Kenny and Paddy Maher, Monegall - Secretary of the North Board



Elizabeth Burke, Connie Stapleton (holding Mary) and Biddy Stapleton neighbours in St Brigid's Villas.



Borrisoleigh Victory Dance - 1981
Timmy Delaney, T.F. Stapleton, Pat Kavanagh, Biddy Stapleton and Sheila Delaney
In front: Sadie Kavanagh (pictured with the North and the County Cups)



Ricky Bourke, Glenbreeda and Tom Ryan, Knockinrodger and Mountkinane (Child in background - Geraldine Kenny)



Wedding Day 1949
Dick and Katie Tynan, Rathmoy



Borrisoleigh Supporters in Coffey's Bar, Clonmel - early 1980s

Back: Pat Costello. Paddy Ryan, Matt O' Connell, Gerry Stapleton, Owen Walsh, Tommy Crowe, Tom Coffey, Clonmel, Francis Spillane and Seamus Stapleton
 Middle: Pat Kavanagh, Donal O'Driscoll, Michael Carroll, Rory Kinane and Dickie Nolan
 Front: Ned Harty and Pat Stakelum



**Confirmation Day** 

**Back:** Sean Kenny, Dr. Joan Power Kenny, Barry Walsh, Joseph Kenny, Geraldine Walsh, Elizabeth Walsh, Nicole Walsh and John Walsh **Front:** Kevin, John, David, Aidan and Conor Walsh



**Michael Small's Retirement Function** 

Back: John Ryan, Fitzmaurice Ryan, Kay Ryan, Cllr. John Hogan, Paul Boyle, Michael Small, Rev. Thomas Lanigan Ryan, Ann Small, Willie Ryan and Michael Small Jnr.Front: Margaret Ryan, Catherine Ryan, Anthony Ryan, Biddy Stapleton and Billy O'Dwyer



Liam Devaney, holder of five All-Ireland Hurling medals, pictured above with his parents, Jim and Josie at a reception to honour him, after receiving *'The Caltrex Award'* in 1961.



Mairead Corbett, Dublin and Harry Groome, Clodagh Bar



Frank Patterson's Visit
Frank Patterson pictured here with his Borrisoleigh relatives, Matt, Ann, Biddy and Nellie.



Summertime Fun Liam Devaney, Darragh Ryan, Danny Ryan, Sam Devaney, Brendan O'Dwyer, Sean Ryan and Dean Ryan



Scór na bPaistí Winners - 2004

Back: Noirín Stapleton, Eimear Stapleton, Ann Marie Kavanagh and Rebecca Prior

Front: Clare Kavanagh and Grace Prior



Hurling Club Dinner Dance
Noreen McGrath, Dr. Joan Power Kenny, Nora Delaney, Frances Tierney and Sean Kenny



Sean Kenny with The Liam McCarthy Cup surrounded by supporters - 1950



## Pioneer Outing to Limerick - 1960s

Back: Tom Bourke, Pat Kennedy, Peter O'Dwyer, John McCormack and Paddy Martin 3rd Row: Bill Sheahan, Pat Ryan, Paddy Walsh, Andy Ryan, Seamus Bourke and Paddy O'Connor 2nd Row: John Finn, Jimmy Ryan, Michael Ryan, John Bourke, Tom Treacy, Tom Costello, Pat Ryan, Gerry Kennedy Front: Tom Tierney, Pat Ryan, Tony Ryan, Paddy Stapleton, Michael Ryan, Redemporist Priest, Mick Joe O'Dwyer, Tommy Ryan and John Loughnane



Gathering at the Fountain - late 1970s

Jimmy Coffey, Ned Butler, Mary Ryan, holding her sister Philomena's hand, Tom Ryan, Teresa Coffey, Mary Kiely, Norah Butler, Kathleen Murphy, Ned Harty, Rena Grant, Marion Grant, Joan O'Neill, Mary Prior, Ann Ryan, Padraig O'Shea and Jack Hackett



Borrisoleigh National School - 1930s

Front: Tommy Harrington, Joe Stapleton, Vincent Kearney, Paddy Daly, Dan McCormack, Jerry O'Dwyer, Paddy Connors and Paddy Prior 2nd Row: Terence McCormack, Jack Byrnes, Kevin Whyte, Cha Crowley, Joseph Power, Eddie Kenny, Jimmy Finn, Tim McSherry and Denis Maher 3rd Row: Tom Shanahan, Liam Meagher, Pat Hunt, Phil Crowley, John Lanigan-Ryan,

Jimmy Gleeson, Dan Ryan, Jimmy Kenny and Jerry Crowley

**4th Row:** Pakie Stapleton, Jimmy Murphy, Johnny Treacy, Denis Costello, Tom Ryan, Phil Bourke, Paddy Kenny and Paddy Maher **Back:** Martin Treacy, Bill McCormack, Mick Prior, Tommy Gleeson, Jim Stapleton, Phil O'Dwyer, Jimmy Ryan, Michael Ryan and John Kearney



Parish League in the 1980s

**Back:** Philip Delaney, James Devitt, Tom Stakelum, Michael Glasheen and Jim Ryan **Front:** Michael Carroll, Anthony Kennedy, P.J. Delaney and Noel Lanigan-Ryan



**Harvest-time in Glenbreeda**Denis Gleeson, Mick Fahey, Denis Treacy, Michael Treacy and Alan Nolan



**Saving the Hay in Rathmoy** Jimmy Coffey, Phil Small (on cart) and Willie Bourke



Rock of Cashel

Maura Stapleton, Finnahy and
Ronan Carroll, Lower Street

The Carroll's ran a radio and electrical
business in Lower Street.



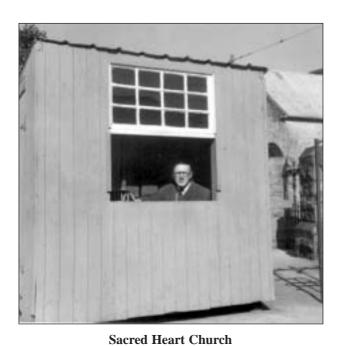
In Stapleton's Bar Matt McGrath (The Ragg), Seamus Hynes and Phibby Kenny



**Holy Land 1949**Jim Stapleton, Kilfithmone



Borrisoleigh Festival 1970s
George Ryan, Bridget Ryan and Tim Fogarty
Note: tall trees at the front of the park which were knocked in the 1980s.



Paddy Fanning pictured in the Collection Box.
Contributions were paid at the box, which was situated in the churchyard. Sunday papers were sold here after Mass. The three who manned the box were Jimmy Coffey, Paddy Fanning and Connie Campion.



Jack Ryan, Garranagrena on the left with his new tractor.



Mixie and Kitty Ryan, Mountkinane



Maura Stapleton, Louise Kavanagh, Marie Kinane, Catherine Chadwick, Nora Chadwick and Kathleen Harty



Opening of Bishop Quinlan Park 1984
Raphael Ryan, John Delaney, Sean Kenny and Hugh Bourke
These four hurled on a Borrisoleigh team at the
opening of McDonagh Park, Nenagh in the 1930s.



**Glenkeen Neighbours**Jackie Gleeson and Jimmy Murphy



The Kenny Brothers, Main Street

Sean, Phibby and Paddy members of Tipperary's three-in-a-row winning teams 1949, 1950 and 1951. This photograph was taken in the Polo Grounds in New York.



*'Regent Prince'* Winner of the Oaks 1963
Sarah, Mattie and Tom Costello with *Regent Prince*, owned by Jimmy Finn.
Also included in photograph: Patrick and Theresa Finn, Dan Maher and Tom O'Dwyer (both from Templemore).



Hurlers' Reunion

Back: Mick Joe O'Dwyer, John Delaney, Larry Ryan, Raphael Ryan and Phil Maher
Front: Tommy Kinane and Philly Ryan



Ben Finn, Connie Stapleton, Denis O' Shea and Jimmy Kenny, sitting on the Chemist's windowsill.



Outside Kennedy's Shop, Lower Street
Jack Hackett, Annie Ryan,
Jack Kennedy (Undertaker),
Seamus Kennedy, Marie and Denis Kennedy



Pakie Finn, Rathmoy (centre) pictured during his school days in Mungret College, Limerick.



**Back:** Phil Maher, Mary Walsh, Jim Stapleton, Catherine Boyle and Seamus Bourke **Front:** Margaret Ryan and Eileen Boyle



Pallas Street 1953
Jack Bourke, Knockanevin and John Leahy (on horse)



Lorna Lennon, Helen Chadwick, Mary Butler, Ann Stakelum, Jean Kearney and Mary Stapleton (This photograph was taken in front of the old Primary School. Houses in Pallas Street have yet to be built in the background.)



Michael, Tom, Margaret, Matty, James and Joan Stapleton, Chapel Street (Jack Stapleton, Pallas on tractor)



Ollie Kelly, John Stapleton, Patricia Devitt, Micheal Tierney, Michael Kinane (Chairman of Bannow-Ballymitty GAA Club), Vincent O'Connor, Biddy Stapleton, Mary Keane, Tony Rabbitte and Jimmy Slattery



A threshing scene close to the Devil's Bit



## 1953 County Champions

Back: Joe Ryan, Philly Ryan, Jimmy Finn, Billy Stapleton, Paddy Delaney,
Tim Ryan, Liam Meagher, Paddy Shanahan and Ned Finn
Middle: Jim Quinn, Sean Kenny, Joe Prior, Ned Ryan, Phibby Kenny, Mick Joe O'Dwyer, Phil Maher and Liam Devaney
Front: Tom Ryan Murray, Patrick Hammond and Mick Prior



At the Sandtrap Mary Bunyan, Tim Ryan and Mai Ryan, Rathcarden



Jimmy Murphy, Jim Devaney, Kitty Smith, Bridie Kennedy and Mattie Whyte



**Feeding Time** Katie Howard, Glenmore



Mick Fitzpatrick, Bridget Doolin, Dan and Francis Doolin



Marion and Tina Campion, Main Street



Band Room Lane
Joe Finn, Austin Kearney, Gretta Finn,
Susan Chadwick and John Kearney



Photograph taken at the Sandtrap Back: Paddy Delaney, Johnny Leahy, Joseph Kenny (Pallas St.), Eddie Kenny and Paddy Kenny Front: Eileen Kelly, Joan D'Estelle Roe, Mai Kenny, Jimmy Kenny and Teresa Kenny



**The Power Family, Lower Street** Vera, Dr. Vincent, Joseph, Rosa and Joan



Margaret Treacy, Kitty Smith and Gretta Maher



**Patterson Family**Kathleen, Mary (Molly), Ann, Kathleen and Matt



School Friends in the mid 1970s

Tom Maher, John F. Kennedy, Seamus Maher, Philip Kenny,
John McGrath, Francis Collins, Brian Kenny and Paul Treacy



Senior Citizens' Outing
Back: Kitty Ryan, Mixie Ryan, Christine Costello and Jack Costello
Front: Nellie Bourke, Kathleen Patterson, Nellie Patterson, Alice Ryan and Kathleen Ryan



Mary Ryan, Maidy Ryan, Mary Ryan, Richard Stakelum, Maureen O'Dwyer and Pat Stakelum



Main Street 1922 Consecration Ceremony



Joe Prior, Jack O' Shea, Pat Ryan, Coolataggle, Jimmy Chadwick, Maeve Murray, Nora Chadwick and Austin Kearney



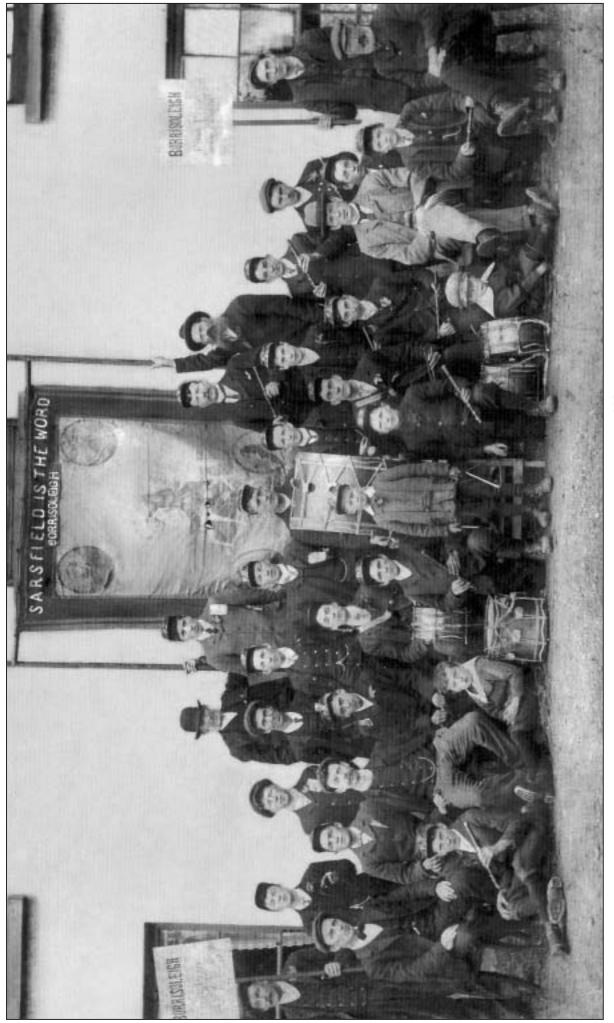
**Donnelly family, Chapel Street** Liam, Biddy, Pakie, Sally, John and Mary



Pallas Street
Pat Costello, Thomas Maher, Tommy Leahy,
Noelie Maher and Donie O'Driscoll (in front)



Friends of Mary's, Jimmy and Mary Molumby (on right) going to a Tipperary match in Limerick.



Borrisoleigh Band (Fife & Drum) c. 1905

Middle row: Jack Godfrey, Paddy Maher, Tom Maher, Connie Gleeson, Jack Ryan, Bill Ryan, Bill Bourke (Drum), Ned Byrne, Denis Maher, Jack Delaney, Tom Maher and Phil Delaney Front row: Pat Bourke (Kilamoyne), Pat Kelly, William Carroll, Denis Bourke, Jack Hammond, Mut Delaney (Gortalough), Tom Ryan (Lanigan), William Hartnett, Dan Fanning. Others in front: Tom Delaney, William Morris, Tom Heenan, Josie Sammon (Bandmaster's son), Jimmy Maher, Michael Morris, Matt Delaney and Michael Ryan (Kruger) (This band played at Land League Meetings and also at evictions to lend support to the evicted families.) Back row: Michael Bourke (Smith), Ben Finn, Bill Maher and Dan Maher



John Young, Joseph Kenny, Adam Hodgins, Joe Prior and Kieran McDonnell



Jim Stapleton, Main Street with his sister Sheila



Michael and Pat Kinane,
Pallas Street
Note: Philly Ryan's shop in
background where the Bottle Bank is today.



Mary and Pakie Ryan, Knockdonee in the early 1980s



Tynan's of Rathmoy
Back: Richie and Kathleen
Middle: Siobhan, Seamus and Paddy
Front: Katie, John and Dick



St. Joseph's College
Back: Claire Stanley, Thurles, Catherine O' Halloran,
Frances Shanahan and Noreen Hogan
Front: Olivia Kennedy, Templederry and Mary Phelan (teacher)



**Borrisoleigh Festival in the 1970s**John Stapleton, Mouse Morris, Micheal O'Hehir and John Doyle



**Three Young Hurlers**Rory Ryan, Mount George, Gerry Treacy and Sean McCormack



Launch of Borrisoleigh and Ileigh Newsletter November 2003

Back: Michael Delaney, Rena Ryan, Rathmoy and Very Rev. Liam Everard PP

Front: Albert Kelly and Michael Small (*Editor*)



Parish League in the 1970s

Back: Joe Kennedy, Denis Ryan, P.J. Young, Conor Stakelum and Ger Fogarty
Front: Jimmy Ryan, Michael Hogan and Tom Kiely



Jody Harkin and David Butler, Mount George



Mary Costello, Joan Fahey, Drom and Tina Campion (in front)



**Sunday Morning**Pake Bourke, Martin Fogarty and Jimmy Doolin



Mick Ryan (R) and Micky Dwan, Ballyroan



Tommy Ryan, Rathmoy and Tommy Ryan, Fishmoyne



Alice Ryan and Maura Ryan, Coarsepark



Maisie Patterson (nee Crowley), Lios Pádraig



Confirmation Day 2003 Karen Ryan, Cooleen, Gráinne Fahey and John Ryan, Pallas with His Grace Archbishop Dermot Clifford



Liam Devaney, Mick Tierney, Pat Kavanagh, Bobby Ryan and Richard Stakleum, pictured in Stapleton's Bar.



I.C.A. Actresses

Back: Angela Stakelum, Norah Butler, Annette Collins and Rose Leahy
Front: Caroline Treacy, Angela McSherry and Bridie Shanahan

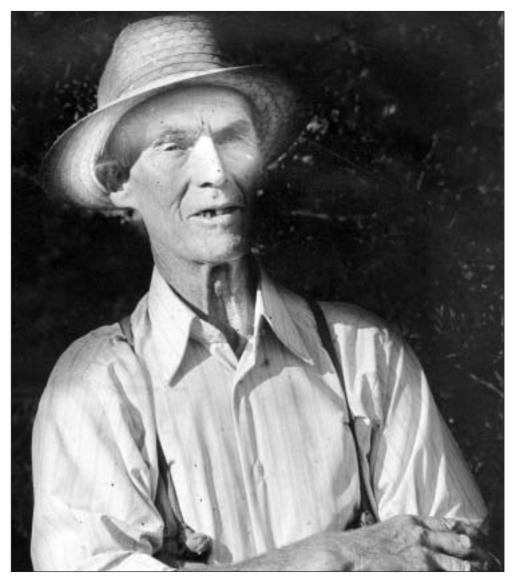


**Borrisoleigh Supporters Back:** Conor Ryan, Timmy O'Connell and Brendan Kenny

Front: Kevin Walsh, Paraic Maher, Kevin Bracken, David Walsh and Shane Kenny



John Walsh, Pat Costello, Don Ryan, Ballyroan, Anthony Ryan, Garranagrena, Matt O' Connell and Phil Maher, who were the mentors for the North Tipperary Junior Football Champions.



Joe Dwan, Ballyroan, a well-loved local character known for his witty and humourous personality.



**Dan Breen Cup**Timmy Delaney, Con Shanahan and Tony Rabbitte



Martin Fogarty, Dan O'Brien, Grace Fogarty and Molly Fogarty, all from Currabaha Dan O'Brien, known locally as "The Gunner", served in the First World War (1914-1918) and the Boer War which was fought in South Africa (1899-1902).



Early 1950s

Mary Maher, Josie Leahy and Nellie Maher all from Pallas Street with Ned Finn, Corner House.



Martin Fahy, Gurteeny, Seamus Maher, Kilfithmone and Michael Hogan, Pallas Street



Mick and Joe Searson, Castlequarter with *Baby Austin* Car.



Benny Harkin, Mossy Shanahan, Jason Fahey and Chris Treacy, all from Mount George



Owen Darmondy, Toby Clarke, Gurteeny and Mick Darmody
Owen and Mick Darmody ran a coal store in Pallas Street for many years.



Margaret Costello with her son Jim, Post Office Pallas Street c. 1930



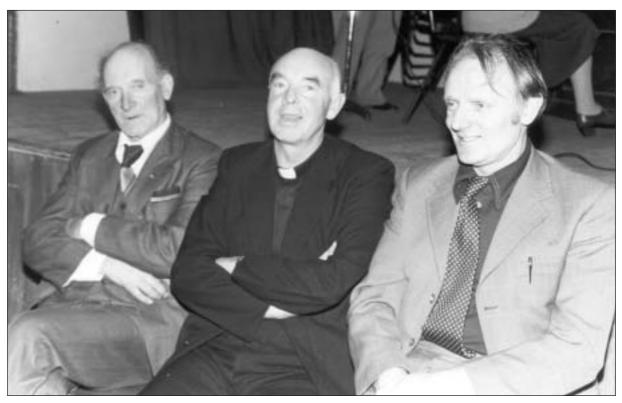
Three Cousins
Danny Lanigan-Ryan, Bob White and Natalie Ryan



**Back:** Kathleen Harty, Sadie Prior and Breda Prior **Front:** John Prior, and Michael Kinane



Nora Stapleton, Pallas Street, who worked as a housekeeper in the convent, pictured here outside the front door.



**Marion Hall**John Delaney, Very Rev. Tom Kennedy PP and Austin Kearney



Maureen Delaney, Eileen Ryan Murray, Josie Stapleton, Nora Ryan, Josie Shanahan, Bridget Meagher, Nora Burns and Gertie Delaney



Breda Gleeson, Main Street



**Piano Lesson**Ann Kenny with her nephew



View of Upper Main Street on this special occasion.



John Kinane, Martin Manning, John Young and Martin Young



Nancy and Michael Hogan, Pallas Street, with Lizzie and Tom Ryan Murray, Nenagh Road



**Bringing Back the McCarthy Cup** 

Michael Small N.T. (at back) pictured with four of his past-pupils Conor Stakelum, Bobby Ryan, Richard Stakelum and Aidan Ryan who were all members of Tipperary's All-Ireland winning team in 1989.



**Harry Joe's Golfing Society**Tom Everard, The Ragg, Dinny Reid, Michael Carroll and Noelie Maher



**Senior Citizen's Party**Mary Carroll (on motorbike) entertains the crowd in the Clodagh Bar.



Tom Maher, Mary Ryan, Currabaha, Sheila Ryan, Nora O'Connell, Nonie Bourke, Ailbe Hogan, Carmel Hogan, Josie Maher, Patricia Maher, Pat Maher and Mary Duignan



Pilgrimage to Knock 1940s
Back: Winnie Devitt, Liz Stapleton,
Mary Small and Moira Kavanagh
Front: Mary Devitt, Angela Devitt,
and Bridget (B.B.) Devitt



**Ireland's Strongest Man - 2002** Kevin Murray, Mountkinane



Main Street
Josie Sampson (nee Stapleton), Bridget Stapleton,
Biddy Stapleton and Delia McGrath (nee Stapleton)



Liam Stapleton, Ger Reid and Tom Shanahan



Breda and John Prior pictured outside Philly Ryan's shop, Upper Main Street (now demolished).



Jack O'Shea and Joe Prior pictured in the Clodagh Bar in the 1970s



Tommy Gleeson with his son Seamus, Knockanure.



**The Power Family on Dr. Joseph's Graduation Day** Vera, Rosa, Dr. Joseph, Dr. Vincent and Dr. Joan



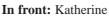
Caroline Harkin, Kim Bourke, Bernadette Stapleton, Kerrie Ryan and friend



Benny, Joe, Leah and Nancy Harkin, Mount George

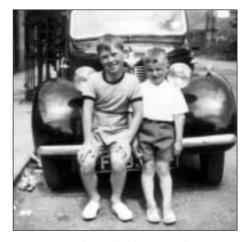


Carroll Family, Mount George
Back: Mary and Alice
Middle: Michael, Denise, Helen and Sean





Pallas Street
Owen Darmody and Canon Davin
pictured outside Darmody's Coal Store.



Paudie and Thomas Maher photographed in Pallas Street



Back: Cathy Lanigan-Ryan, Janie Lanigan-Ryan, Martina Finn and Josie Lanigan-Ryan Front: Bob White, Jimmy Finn, and Anna White (nee Lanigan-Ryan)



**Dublin City Marathon**Paddy Dolan, after completing one of his many Dublin City Marathons.



Helen Maher, Mary, Deirdre and Joe Lennon



Geraldine Kenny, Peggy Vahey, Josie Stapleton and Neil Stapleton



**Ballad Group**Katie Lyons, Elaine Stapleton, Deirbhile O'Mahony, Marie Ryan and Mary Bradshaw



**Summertime in Mount George** Mossy Shanahan, Philip Shanahan, Liam Shanahan and Benny Harkin



Derry Bourke on the guitar.



Chapel Street Neighbours in the 1920s

Back: Bill Matthews, Michael Maher, Jimmy Lanigan-Ryan and Mr. Conway

Front: Bridget Ryan (nee Maher) and Mary Long (nee Maher)



**Devitt Bros.**This bicycle shop was situated on Main Street, next-door to Lanigan-Ryan's.



Margaret Cowan, Tess Groome and Aileen Óg Groome, pictured outside Groome's Shop which is now owned by John and Geraldine Walsh.



Hare Beater of the Year Award 1997
The 'Hare Beater Award' being presented to Michael Patterson. Also in the photograph are Philly Bourke and Donal Bourke.



Rev. Jimmy O'Donnell, Dr. Joan Power Kenny, Very Rev. John Gleeson PP and Sean Kenny, pictured at a presentation to Dr. Joan by St. Cualan's Club in 1995, in recognition of her dedicated service to the community.



Sports Day in Borrisoleigh in the 1970s



Bill and Bridget Prior, Nenagh Road



Dinny Reid, Seamus Maher, Andy Shanahan and Tom Hurley



The Slipper in Action
Owen Walsh pictured 'slipping' the greyhounds at Borrisoleigh Coursing.



Joe Kennedy, Eamonn McGrath, Angela Butler, Mary Reid, Clare Ryan and Tara O' Neill



Paddy O'Brien, Currabaha, a blacksmith in the British Army, who fought in the Boer War (1899-!902) and also in World War I (1914-1918)



Marie Hogan, Teresa Searson and Bernadette Hogan, Rathmoy



Margaret Gleeson and Della Groome



Bridget Stapleton, Jack Hammond and Margaret Hammond
Jack was a tailor by trade who ran a business next door to Stapleton's Bar.
Jack and his brother, Mick were noted hurlers, who won two junior
All-Ireland medals with Tipperary in 1913 and 1915.



Ryan's of Cooleen

Back: Andy, Pierce, ..... and Bridget

Front: Matt, Martin, Andy and Jim

Matt and Martin were both ordained to the Priesthood and are presently serving on the foreign missions.



Dickie Nolan waiting to present the Perpetual Challenge Cup to the Earl of Dunraven, after his dog 'Kilcurley Lad' won the Derby Trial Stakes at Borrisoleigh Coursing.



**Local Athletes**Micky Patterson and Kevin Keane both from Mount George.



Jackie Crowe, Mary Prior, Jenny Crowe and Peadar Cummins, Gurteenabarna



**Prior's Coalstore, Pallas Street**Included in the photograph are Joe Prior and Joe Boyle (standing in background) pictured outside Prior's Coalstore..



The Paddock 2000 Pakie and Tess Costello



Old Photograph of Castleview

Note: Two storey dwelling in front of the castle,
which was known as Ivy House, now demolished.



Josephine Spillane, Rita Stapleton and Marion Spillane, all from Pallas



Ned, Francis and Neddy Patterson, Lios Pádraig



Mary Kennedy, Rathmoy, with her husband Jimmy in the background.



Chrissie, Tony and Marion Ryan, Chapel Street



A Busy Day at the Sandtrap



A view of Main Street in the 1960s

Note: the churns on the cart which were used to bring the milk to the creamery.



Denis Maher, Johnson Hackett, Jimmy Chadwick, Sean Kenny, John Delaney and Mick Joe O'Dwyer pictured at the launch of 'A Century of GAA in Borrisoleigh' in 1986.



Tipperary Supporters
Nora Kinane, Fishmoyne, Edel Ryan, Knockdonee,
Katie Ryan, Ileigh and Geraldine Kinane, Fishmoyne who was on the panel
of the All-Ireland Winning Camogie Team 2004.