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We never appreciate what we have until its gone. That is one of the sad realities of life. It applies to every sphere of life and to every aspect of living. Last year the Government abolished Town Councils. Naas, the leading town in Kildare, had one for over a hundred years and it left its stamp on every aspect of the character of the town from Town Hall, to Court House, to Hospital, to Head Garda Station, to County Council Offices, Registry Office, etc., etc. Other towns which lost their Councils include Newbridge, Athy and Leixlip.

Towns which worked hard to provide themselves with voluntary non political Community Councils could easily have been regarded as the poor neighbours. Clane Community Council was established following a public meeting on 27th March 1973 and following elections in April it held its first meeting on 16th May. It is now 42 years in existence. It has had a long list of successful activities and achievements, ranging from the development of the Abbey Community Centre -where Musicals and Drama, Boxing, Dancing Lessons and a range of other community activities take place- to the purchase and development of the Stream Park, now the Children's Playground, the Liffey Walk, the Village Green and Monument, Community Games, Tidy Towns, the website, the Le Chéile Magazine, etc., etc.

Hundreds of towns around the country, now deprived of their Town Councils, are struggling in their attempts to form Community Councils like that in Clane. Many are experiencing great difficulties such as political cross purposes, the demise of community spirit and the lack of confidence in themselves. It may take a long time to rekindle these essential values. We wish them well.

In the meantime we in Clane will be initiating the process in September of putting together a new Community Council which will continue the works in progress with an eye for new ideas and undertakings bringing us up to our 44th year. Many new and enthusiastic members will be key. Be involved.

Saturday 9th May

Clane & Rathcoffey Community Games will run their Field and Track events in the sports grounds at Scoil Mhuire Community School, Clane, commencing at 12 noon

Sunday 10th May

The annual anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of The Servant of God, The Venerable Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. will be celebrated in Clongowes Wood College at 3.00 pm. See p. 4

Monday 25th May

Monthly Meeting of Clane Community Council in the Evergreens' Room of the Abbey Community Centre at 8pm.

Wednesday 10th June

Annual Mass in the Abbey Cemetery will be celebrated at 7.30 pm. See p. 4

CLANE AND RATHCOFFEY COMMUNITY GAMES

The Field and Track events for our local Community Games will take place in the sports grounds attached to Scoil Mhuire Community School on Saturday 9th May by kind permission of the Board of Management. Games will commence at 11am with a view to achieving a mid afternoon finish.

Entry forms will be circulated to the five schools of our area on Monday 27th April. They will be collected on Wednesday 29th. For anyone living in the area but attending school outside some forms will be available at the Parish Office in the Main Street or by phoning 045-868474. Late en-

EDITOR'S DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt of material for the **June** issue of Le Chéile is

Monday 25th May

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tries will not be accepted in the field as time has to be allowed for processing the forms, separating the groups according to age, etc. It is important that a separate form be filled out for each contestant and that two or more contestants are never included in the one entry form.

It is a strict insurance regulation that all bicycles should be parked between arrival and departure and not ridden within the grounds.

See page 12 for results of Swimming at County level. Also Team Sports results.

"NEW" ABBEY GRAVEYARD COMMITTEE COMPLETES TEN YEARS

The April 2005 issue of Le Chéile carried the following letter which was addressed to Des Drumm, who at the time was heading up a sub-committee of the Community Council charged with taking over the maintenance of the graveyard on behalf of the community. The sub-committee had recently been formed following a verbal approach to the Community Council and the letter gave formality to the process.

Millicent Road,
Clane.
23.3.05

Dear Des,

As we hand over the care of the Abbey Graveyard to your good self and your newly formed committee, we would like to express our thanks to all the people who helped us over the past nine or ten years.

Thanks to Andrew Davin of Aerial Platform Hire for the use of all his machinery free of charge when we started cleaning out the graveyard. We would also like to thank Peter and Bernard Duffy, Shay Grace, Pat and Edward Doherty, Joe Campbell, Tom Baker and Pat Ward for their help.

We want to thank John Daly, Black-hall, for supplying and fitting the Altar roof and for his help with our new shed; Billy Doyle, Steelite, Rathangan, for supplying us with a steel roof; Lucy Nolan, Ballon, for supplying the Altar table and Sean Cooney for building the Altar, and past members of

our committee for their help.

We pay a special tribute to Ruben Thomas, R.I.P., for his great knowledge of the history of the Abbey Graveyard, which he passed on to us on several occasions.

We would like to thank Marie Cusack and Mrs. McIntyre for their help many times, and last but not least, P.J. Sheridan, who opened many doors for us and introduced us to Kildare County Council officials and initiated much of the work carried out in the graveyard.

We thank you for taking over the care of the graveyard; we wish you all well and feel confident that you will not allow the graveyard to fall into disrepair again, and that the interested public will continue to support and help you all in your good work.

Yours sincerely,

Eamonn Mahoney, Paddy Baker, Danny O'Connell, Fran Connolly. Outgoing Graveyard Committee.

It is a great credit to Eamonn Mahony and the first Graveyard Committee that they got set up when they did -almost 20 years ago-and that they achieved so much and set a headline for those who were to follow them. Forgive me if I leave anything out but they had quite a list of achievements:

- The path into and through the graveyard was laid with tarmac.
- The overgrown trees were removed and replaced.
- The ivy on the walls was sprayed and largely killed.
- An altar was put in place for Masses.
- Following demolition of the gate by a hit-and-run driver a new gate was erected.
- A secure steel shed was provided for storage of tools and machinery.
- High standards were set for mowing and maintenance.

At the recent A.G.M. (02-04-'15) of the Friary and Abbey Graveyard Committee Des Drumm stepped down as Chairman having completed 10 successful years in the position and now taking on Chairmanship of the overall Community Council.

Des thanked the members for their committed work and support over the years. John Briody was elected Chairman in his place while Mark Moffat took on John's role as Secretary /Treasurer. Other members present were Tony McEvoy, Tom Cleary and Phil McCormack. Among the decisions made were ones to investigate buying a portable sound system jointly with the Community Council and Community Games, landscaping the area recently opened up by the removal of the steel fencing and the removal of materials largely associated with work on graves deposited over many years inside the ruins. Further work on the outer wall was also proposed as well as renewal of signs.

In the meantime the works initiated by the original Graveyard Committee have been continuing steadily over the past 10 years, with much achieved:

Removable protective screening was put in place around the Altar with the generous help, support and fine design and construction work of Joe Horan.

The superb Graveyard gate was appropriately redesigned and also erected by Joe and supported by the County Council.

Signage to commemorate the 750th anniversary of the arrival of the Franciscans in 1258 was installed.

Killing off the ivy from the ruins and peripheral graveyard walls was completed.

Replacement of stones and repairs to outer graveyard walls was carried out.

A major plan was formulated for the conservation and stabilisation of the Friary, with the help of Kildare County Council. Initial works were carried out on the north wall and works completed on the south wall, enabling the screen fencing to be finally removed.

The Friary was included in a Heritage Signage scheme being progressed by the Community Council, aided by Clane Local History Group and supported the County Council.

The Annual Abbey Graveyard Mass will be celebrated on Wed. 10th June at 7.30 pm.

FR. JOHN SULLIVAN, S.J.



The annual anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of The Servant of God, The Venerable Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. will be celebrated in Clongowes Wood College on **Sunday 10th May 2015 at 3.00 pm.** Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Bishop Denis Nulty.

The anointing of the sick and the Blessing with the Cross of Fr. John Sullivan will take place immediately after Mass. **All are welcome.**

Further details from Cait Cullen (087 3126241)

CLANE COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN

Reminder that the monthly session was postponed for one week due to the Kildare Fleadh, so hope to see you all in Clane G.A.A. on Friday May 1st.

The fleadh Launch in Scoil I'Rioda was a great success and a great turn out from all the branches. Up first was Solo Artist and great Fiddle player Paul O'Shaughnessy from Dublin entertained the revellers. This was a joy to listen to. This was followed by a the branches playing individually with a great mixture of music song & dance. All branches joined forces for the finally with Clane Set dancers rounding off the evening with a figure from the Plain Set. Great evening and I will post details on the fleadh in the next bulletin. Also news on Fleadh Laigheann will follow which takes place in Maynooth in July. For any cycling enthusiasts check out the 50k cycle taking place in Maynooth on 9th May. Details can be found on the Fleadh Laigheann 2015 website. Classes will commence in Scoil Mhuire and

new members always welcome and Sean Nos dancing will continue in Prosperous Parish Hall.

Further information contact Branch Chairperson Margaret Gannon on 087-9136509

JOHN SULLIVAN RESOURCE CENTRE

The John Sullivan Resource Centre in Clane are having a sponsored cycle from Clane to Carlow in order to raise funds for a new bus. It will take place on the 22nd May 2015.

Both Members and Staff are participating in either some or all of the journey people can donate if they so feel at :

[www.mycharity.ie/
event.iwa.clane.to.carlow/](http://www.mycharity.ie/event.iwa.clane.to.carlow/)

Vicki O'Connell

CLANE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

On Wednesday 15th April 2015, the 4th edition of Clane Local History Group's annual journal Coiseanna was launched by Mr. Des Marron, Mayor of Clane, in a crowded GAA Centre, Clane. This year's edition runs to 124 pages and contains an extensive variety of articles on notable people, places and events in Clane's long and distinguished history.

Three articles deal with Clane's long association with horse breeding and racing and include a history of Blackhall Stud, reminiscences of Punchestown and the exploits of Joseph Delemere Whyte, a famous 19th century horseman. The Clongowes Wood College connection is featured in articles about James Joyce, the tragic story of Old Clongownian Michael J. Casey who was murdered by the Gestapo and some doggerel (poetry) by Andy McGann, a former night watchman in the college. Architectural features are addressed with articles on the restoration of the 'Abbey', the old bridge and ford over the Liffey and some historic residences in the Clane area. Articles on social history range from the Molly Maguires to the local Jubilee Nurses.

Clane Local History Group would like to thank the very large crowd who attended

the launch, the GAA authorities for the use of their premises and the shopkeepers in Clane who are kind enough to sell Coiseanna for us. Coiseanna costs only 5 euro per copy and can be purchased at the following outlets in the village: the Parish Shop; Marron's Chemist; Hughes' Chemist; Given's Optician; Londis; Country Blossoms.

We are always looking for new contributors to the journal and we urge anyone who feels that they could contribute to next year's edition to email jimheffer-nan@eircom.net with their articles.

CLANE TOASTMASTERS

Clane Toastmasters next meeting will be Wednesday, May 6th at Clane GAA club @ 7.45pm

If you would like to improve your public speaking and leadership skills in a friendly and encouraging environment just come along on Wednesday, we would be delighted to see you there.

For more information you can call Maureen on [0872258020](tel:0872258020) or Tomás on [0863064474](tel:0863064474) www.clanet toastmasters.com

PARKVIEW RESIDENTS ASSOC.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 29th at 8pm In the usual venue. As we get into the year of preparations for Pride of place and Tidy Towns competitions, we would like to thank all our residents for their efforts in the past and look forward to the same this year. Window boxes and baskets have looked lovely and some gardens have impressed the judges. Its great to see the pride people take in their areas. Some of our residents have been in and out of Hospital recently we wish them a speedy return to good health. We would also like to wish Sean Callan good luck in his trials at Sunderland FC. Sean is a promising young footballer and it would be great to see him make a career from the game. Hope to see ye all out with brushes and shovels for a general sweep up: any few minutes to clean outside your home will be good.

CLANE GOLF CLUB

Hello from the members of Clane Golf Club. It is hard to believe that we are one third through 2015 and due to the fine weather we have enjoyed golf without interruption. Hopefully this will continue & membership is still open but this will close on 15th May.

April Results:

4/5th April- 18 Hole Spring Medal:

1st Aidan Donovan (11) 62 net. (last 9)

2nd James Malone (21) 62

3rd Declan Mahony, Captain (20) 63.

11/12th April- J.B.McAndrew Cup:

1st Sean Brilly (14) - 39 points. (last 9).

2nd Pat McNamee (22) - 39 points.

Gross- Tommy Carew -76 strokes.

18/19th April- 18 Hole V Par:

1st Padraig Rooney - 6 up.

2nd Lloyd Bracken - 4 up.

Gross: Seamus Carew (9) - 75 strokes.

25/26th April- 18 Hole Stableford:

1st Niall Bryan (8) - 42 points

2nd Paddy Murray (27) - 38 points.

26th April- Club Outing to K Club Palmer Course:

1st Sean Byrne (17) 35 points.

2nd Bernard Campbell (18) 34 points. (last 9)

Gross: Sean Brilly 88 net.

Class 1 (0 to 15 H/C)

1st John Carew (11) 32 points.

2nd James Conan (10) 31 points.

Class 2 (16 to 17 H/C)

1st William Lacey (17) 34 points (last 6)

2nd Lorcan Wyer (16) 34 points

Class 3 (18 & above)

1st Lloyd Bracken (20) 31 points

2nd Jim Mahony (18) 28 points

Visitor's Prize:

Winner: Ciaran Mahony (18) 24 points

Twos Club: Hole 3 James Coonan

Hole 3 Sean Byrne

Hole 12 Jim Mahony

Hole 12 Lloyd Bracken

Nearest-the-pin at 12th hole: Jim Mahony 2.7 metres.

9 Hole Matchplay, second round must be played by Monday 4th May.

18 Hole Matchplay, first round must be played by Monday 27th April.

Forthcoming Events:

Friday 18 hole competition commence on Friday 1st May. This year members can play on Thursday & Friday in this competition, but on Friday rounds must be completed & returned by 2.00 p.m. Friday.

Sunday 10th May- Club Outing to Craddockstown G.C. Tee time 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. See time sheet on Noticeboard. Prize Presentation for all 3 away outings to Naas, K Club & Craddockstown with prizes for recent club competitions will be presented at the Village Inn on Sunday 10th May at 9.30 p.m. We are indebted to Seamus Manzor for kindly & very generously sponsoring the prizes for the K Club Outing 8.30 to 9.50 a.m.

Friday 29th May- Golf Classic in aid of Clane Parish.

Signed: **Eamonn Howlin**

THE EVERGREENS

Now we are into May -the first month of Summer- and long may we enjoy the long hazy days, and hopefully good weather right through. Lovely flowers and plants and new life all around us help to uplift our poor hearts. The month of May, as we all know, is set aside by the Church for special devotion in honour of the Mother of God. Remember in our youth when we used have the May Procession and children in Communion outfits and all the lovely flowers and decorations. This is a very opportune time for our Parish Novena and indeed a Faith lift. Beginning on Monday May 4th for 4 consecutive Mondays in Clane Parish Church, commencing at 7.30 pm with Mass. The guest speakers each night will share their experiences of life and how faith guides them and they too will share a little of their life stories. So I am sure we will all make a concerted effort to come along as this month is very special for the Novena of Hope.

It is with great sadness that we Evergreens announce the death of a much loved very popular member -Bridie Smullen. This lovely lady was in our club for quite some time. We offer our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to her beloved family. May her gentle soul rest in peace and may she enjoy the beatific vision. She will be greatly

missed by us all she was such a kind and caring person. She loved being in the Evergreens and joined in all our activities and enjoyed best of all playing the cards, which she excelled at. In iothlann Dé go gcastar sinn agus leaba I measc na Naoimh uile doí.

On behalf of the Evergreens I would like to thank Clane Musical and Dramatic Society for their complementary tickets to their latest production - "The Cripple of Inishmaan" by Martin McDonagh (who is a Connemara man). This was staged in the Abbey 8-11th April to rave reviews of course. I happened to see this play myself some years ago in Kilcullen and thought how well written and worth seeing it was, so therefore I was able to tell people how enjoyable it was and encouraged them to go. Good luck once again to CMDS and may they keep going from strength to strength - you give pleasure to so many with your talent.

For now may you all enjoy a long happy and safe Summer with lots of sunshine and good weather of course. Fé choimirce Dé sibh agus slán ar feadh seall beag gear.

Maureen Spain (PRO).

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL

Our 2015 St. Patrick's Day Festival is over but hopefully it has left everyone with lots of good memories. Well done again to all who participated in any way throughout the Festival. Please do check out www.clanefestival.ie [1] for highlights of our Parade. The Photo Gallery contains lots of good photos too.

If you have a comment to make and would like it published on our website, please email to clanefestival@kildare.ie

Clane Photo Shop has a huge display of photos on the window. Well worth looking at!! You can order any of the photos from Brian in the shop.

After a lot of thought and discussion, we have chosen **Health and Fitness** as our Theme for 2016. Preparations have already begun for next year!!! Our festival will run from 11th to 18th March with lots of events throughout the week.

We are looking for volunteers to join the Committee and help organise the Festival events. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out in any way.

Mary Dunne, Chairperson.

CLANE TENNIS NEWS

The Club is now preparing for a busy year ahead with over 200 adults and juniors enjoying the great facilities with five all weather courts floodlit courts and plenty of tennis activity planned.

Kitty and Seamus Manzor Annual Tournament was held on Fri. 10th. April with 35 Senior competing and winner was Edel Dwane, 2nd Dave Patchell and 3rd. Barry Kiely followed with celebration of our Men's Victorious Team winners of Dublin League Class 5 in Manzors. Many thanks to Seamus and staff for all their support and a great night was enjoyed by all.

Weekly Tuesday social Doubles Tournament comm. 7.30p.m.

Ladies morning tennis every Thursday 11 - 1p.m.

We are now open for new members with special reduced rates for students and families. The students from Clane and Heweston Primary School and Scoil Mhuire Secondary School are now using our courts during School term and we are also catering for the KARE centre with members using the facilities on Wednesday mornings.

We are also erecting a new entrance which is being jointly funded by KARE and Tennis Club with assistance from Clane Tidy Towns and TUS workers.

Events for the year include plenty of tournaments and teams participating in Dublin Leagues and of course coaching programmes for all grades.

Our Junior and Senior coach, Ritchie Mahoney, is available on request and has junior coaching classes every Sat morning and Fri. evenings. tel. 086 6051005. Clane Tennis Club organises Park Tennis and Summer Camps in July and Aug. for boys and girls from age six upwards. Parents are welcome to attend at all times. Strict Garda vetting in operation.

We are now accepting new members for the coming year with Special Adult

Membership Offer for 2015-16 only €160 . We also have Special Family membership, students rate and easy payments can be arranged on request. Always remember, it's never too late to join as some of our members still enjoy playing in their seventies and Eighties. Clubhouse accepting membership every Monday and Tues. 7- 9p.m. Meet new friends and keep fit throughout the year.
Contact: 087 2745904.

WHAT'S IN A NAME (First printed in October 1974)

“What’s in a name?” The implication is “not very much” Our local place names belie the notion that place names can be uninteresting. Did you know, for example that one of the longest place names in Ireland is Newtownmoneenluggagh, which lies to the north of Ballagh Cross. Moneenluggagh means “little bog of the hollow “. It is one letter longer than Newtownmountkennedy. Compared to the longest name in Wales, neither of them would stand a chance. It is of course, Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch, or, “The Church of St. Mary in a hollow of white hazel near to a rapid whirlpool and to St. Tysilio’s Church, near to a red cave”.

It is of interest, though not unusual throughout the country, that most places have their names in Irish. Place names are apparently the last part of a language to disappear. However there is a great danger that place names which are not marked on the map will be lost before the present generation has passed. Three examples that come to mind in the immediate vicinity of Clane are the Locán , about 300 yards up the Ballinagappa Road, Coiseanna Hill, the site of Clane Hall, and the hill known as Crocán on the Capdoo Road. A name which disappeared much earlier, Moneen Bán, the original name of Central Park or Church Parks.

The following is a list of interesting place names and their suggested meanings. We would welcome information from readers offering names by which fields, hills, streams, etc., in their locality may be known to them.

Aghapaudeen: (near Digby Bridge) Pau-deen’s field.

Ballynabooley: The pasture (milking) area
Ballinagappa: B. na gCeapach District of the tillage plots.

Betaghstown: B. an Bhiatigh, the district of the alms house. Under the Brehon Laws alms houses were established at central locations where roads crossed. To each was attached a tillage and a pasture district to supply it.

Boherhole: Bóthar Coll, road of the hazel.

Borabride: Bothar Bride, Brigid’s Road. Map of 1642 -now known as Nancy’s Lane, leading to and past the Scouts’ Den, the old road to Edenderry.

Butterstream: Bóthar an tSrutháin, the road by the stream. (not the name of the Stream itself and it is known simply as the “Stream” at all other locations, including on the Naas Road.)

Capdoo: Ceapach Dubh, the tillage area with the dark soil.

Cappagh: the tillage land, now Meadow Court.

Carrigeen: the little rock. Site of an ancient group of stones known as St. Brigid’s Table, Chair and Thimble. A further flat slab was said to bear the imprints of her feet. These were known to older residents as the Carrigeens and were situated beside an old quarry beside a disused road which led from the Moat Commons to the weir on the Liffey, presumably the site of the ancient ford. See Le Chéile, February 2014 (on web)

Castlesize: Casán na Soillse, “the path (ford) where the light is hung”.

Clane: Claonadh, “inclining”. There are two suggested origins to the word. One suggestion is that it comes from the slanted ford, which was later to become the site of the

weir. The other is that it took its name from the Cruacán Claonta, a small slanted hill, which was later to be refashioned into the Norman Motte. There was a warm spring beside it which never froze and was credited with supernatural powers and was known throughout Leinster and beyond. This was covered in some years ago. See Le Chéile March 2014.

Clonaugh: Meadow of the horse.

Clongowes Wood: Coill Cluana Gabhann, the wood of the smith's meadow.

Coiseanna: beside the swamp.

Coiseanna Hill: “Cnoc Coiseanaigh”, hill beside the marsh (See Moneen Bán, above). It is now known as Hill View. It is marked with a 1798 memorial stone where the rebels took refuge and were defeated.

Crocán: A small hill, as on the Capdoo Road or a type of rush which hangs its head as in the flat Townsland of Crocan on the Prosperous Road.

The Coolmucks: Cúl na Mucos (See page 10).

Donadea: Domhnach Déagh, the church of God.

Gollamochy: Gabhal a'Macha the (river) fork in the milking plain (pasture land). This is not the name of the river itself but of a forking and eventual rejoining of the two halves as shown in the map of 1839.

Locán: a roadside pond or turlough, which disappeared from the side of the Ballinagappa Road (r.h.s.) when the drainage became altered with the laying of the public sewer. It was roughly at the pedestrian entrance into Hillview.

Loughanure: The lake of the yew tree.

Loughbollard: Loch Beallach Ard, the lake of the high path. The townland of Lough-

bollard, which includes the lower end of the housing estate and extends along the road out to the industrial estate was clearly once a lake, as can be seen by the level marl base and the drop in field levels at its outer bank. The path referred to would have been along the crest of the esker.

Mainham: the name has two possible origins. One is that it derives from the Irish word for a plain or open space Magh, as in Maynooth. The other is that it derives from St. Maighnam, of Kilmainham who said to have settled there in the 6th century.

Rathcoffey: Ráth Cobhtaigh, the fortified dwelling place of the Coffeys.

Rathmore: The large rath or fortified dwelling place.

Tobernamona: the marshy well, once located in the Boys' School field just inside the roadside hedge near the Scoil Mhuire end.

CLANE MAN KILLED IN FIRST WORLD WAR



April 30th marked the 100th anniversary of the death of Private William Morris of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers who was killed in action at V Beach, Gallipoli.

Mass was offered for William and 6 others who died in WWI at the Abbey Cemetery last June. It hasn't been easy to establish any family connections and we would be delighted to hear from anyone who can assist.

KNOW YOUR CLANE

We reprint the following from the April issue and we take this opportunity to offer some suggested meanings or translations as well as some possible locations behind this list of place names from the 1700s. Readers were invited to offer any information they might have or make their own suggestions. Unfortunately no suggestions have come forward so far but the invitation still stands. Also if anyone would like to debate any of the suggestions which follow we would be delighted to hear from them.

More Coolmucks and Cahills

The following is a partial reprint from an article in December 2002 by Gary McGuire in which he refers to some lands and properties in Clane. Some place names are still extant while others are puzzling.

“...Memorial to an indented deed of lease and release dated 1, 2 March 1768 between Rev. Harman, Dean of Waterford and Moses Cahill of Clane. Dean Harman sold to Moses Cahill, for £170 12s. 6d., the house and garden called the Assembly House, the house and garden tenanted by John Dunn, and the house and garden now tenanted by Peter Doyle, all in Clane, plus one acre of land in Coolmuck, Co. Kildare...”

[Registry of Deeds, Book 257, page 500, No. 169532, paraphrased]

“...the lands and premises following, that is to say, the two Coolmucks containing 23 acres, Aughnacrew containing 28 acres, Aughamore and Loughanboy containing 40 acres, Aughasanterness containing 32 acres, part of the Maudlins and the Keilogues containing 26 acres, Carrigeen and the Cow Boy's House and garden containing 31 acres, Park Bartle and a house in Clane and the church park, all of which said lands and premises are situated in or near Clane in the County of Kildare.”

[Book 503 pg 300 no 323774]

The place names referred to above are now listed as follows:-

1. Coolmucks
2. Aughnacrew
3. Aughamore
4. Loughanboy
5. Aughasanterness

6. Maudlins
7. Keilogues
8. Church Park
9. Park Bartle
10. Carrigeen
11. The Assembly House
12. The Cow Boy's House

Readers were asked if they had any clues as to the translated meanings of the place names or their locations. It was disappointing that not a single reply was obtained.

Rather than suggest answers at this stage we would like to leave the list to the consideration of readers. Some suggested answers will be offered in next month's Le Céile. If any readers would like to suggest answers they will be very welcome. Such responses should be received before the next deadline of April 27th.

Two **Coolmucks** are mentioned. The only one we are familiar with is the field of about one acre, which is now the site of The Elms, on the Kilcock Road opposite Saint Brigid's Terrace. It might translate as *Cúl na Mucos* or the “Back of the Wild Roses”. Mucos literally means the fruit of the rose or rose hip. This field traditionally went by the name. “The Coolmucks”. Interestingly it shares a boundary hedge with College Grove to its south where there is an almost vertical drop of twelve or more feet into the back gardens of College Grove. The bank, which is several hundreds of yards in length, bounds a glacial outflow channel, where the drainage was in the direction of Capdoo and the Liffey. It catches the sun's rays at a very direct angle, somewhat like the Strawberry Beds in Lucan and always had a remarkable covering of wild roses backing on to the Elms site with which it forms an almost vertical boundary.

The only other place around Clane where a similar bank faces southwards is at the back of the three schools on the Prosperous Road. The map of 1838 shows that in those days it had a boundary hedge associated with it (as well as an east flowing ditch). Speculatively it could have been the second Coolmuck. The fields on the level above the bank extend back to Nancy's Lane (the original Edenderry Road) and happen to meet, more or less, the 23 acre requirement specified.

Aughnacrew. We have no indication of where this field might have been. It may be an Anglicization of Achadh Cró (or Cródh) This therefore could mean “The Field of the Shed or Pen” or “The field of the cattle”. Another possibility is Achadh Crú or “The Field of the Blood or Gore”.

Aughamore. Again we have no indication of where this field might have been. It probably comes from Achadh Mór, meaning the Big Field.

Loughanboy. This probably comes from Locán Bui meaning a Small Pond with yellow or discoloured water (?). Such a pond existed on the right hand side going out the Ballinagappa Road, more or less where the pedestrian entrance to Hillview is now. It went dry when the trench was excavated to bring the sewerage out the road in 1960.

Aughasanterness. Achadh Sean-(???). Field of the Old-(???). Sorry haven't a clue.

Maudlins. Common in place names, for example out the Dublin Road in Naas. Said to derive from Magdellan and to indicate the existence of an Alms House. The old name for the area where Aldi and the shops and apartments are located was Maudlin Newtown. It was originally in the ownership of the Franciscans but was confiscated by Henry VIII.

Keilogues. Coill is of course a wood. Óg, which normally means young, is sometimes added at the end of words as a diminutive. Suggested meaning: The Little Woods. Where? Sorry no idea.

Church Park. The Church Field. The traditional name of the lands where Central Park is now located was Church Parks. They were attached to the Church of Saint Michael which relocated to Millicent in 1883 as the Church of Saint Michael and All Angels. It is now the Abbey Community Centre.

Park Bartle. Pairc Bartle or Bartley's Field. No idea of where it might have been located.

Carrigeen. This is of course the Townsland of Carrigeen which includes 106 acres,

2 roods and 2 perches, stretching along the left bank of the Liffey from a point opposite the main entrance to Blackhall Stud as far as the Liffey Bridge and in from there towards Clane along the Naas Road as far as the Moat Commons Road, which comes out at the Roundabout. At its widest it reaches the junction of the Moat Commons Road and the Millicent Road. It includes the Moat.

There are at present no standing stones or outcropping boulders which could account for its name Carraigín, meaning “Little Rock”. A talk was given by Canon Sherlock at Naas Town Hall on 27th January 1892 in which he proclaimed his belief that the stones in question constituted a cromlech or drumlin which marked the site of a stone age burial site which had been sacrilegiously destroyed some forty or fifty years before. The topic was raised again by Sherlock in Volume III, No.4 of the Kildare Archaeological Journal in 1901. It was located close to St. Brigid's Well. Unidentified symbols are shown on the O.S. map of 1838 and also on Taylor's map of 1783 which seem to indicate a feature not mapped in 1871 or more recently. The location of the marked spot coincides exactly with a place beside the Carrigeen Quarry (now filled in) where local girls identified a number of stones which they referred to as St. Brigid's Table, Chair and Thimble. They referred to them as the Carraigini. They had a traditional practice of sitting on the Chair to do their sewing. They were shocked to find the stones are now no longer there. Le Chéile carried an article on the site in February 2014, which may be accessed on the website clanecommunity.ie It is suggested that the stones may have been temporally hidden by burying under soil when Canon Sherlock visited the site.

The Assembly House. There is no indication of where or what this might have been. At a guess it might have been a house or building where the Select Vestry or Church of Ireland committee held meetings. The fact that it was being leased by Dean Harmann might be an indication. Other properties owned by the C. of I. would have been Cash's House and a small building to its rear, listed respectively in the schools of Ireland survey of 1824 as the School Master's House and School. The house known as “Bella Villa” (Baile Bhille, or place of the

sacred yew) opposite the entrance to Liffey Lawns on the Prosperous Road was also in C. of I. ownership (Rectory?). It was later in Catholic ownership and was sold when Fr. Hughes was P.P. Was this the house kindly bestowed on Rev. Malachy McMahon, P.P., as the first Parochial House, between 1821 and 1823 by Rev. Dean Digby following the development of Abbey Lands House as Rectory in 1821?

The Cow Boy's House. Sorry to disappoint you on this -potentially the most interesting property of the lot!

If you have any information on any of the above place names or their locations we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact details are on page2. Or you might like to bring up some other field and place names which you have knowledge of. They might be worth adding to the Map of Clane which is on the website clanecommunity.ie

CLANE & RATHCOFFEY COMMUNITY GAMES See also p.2

Swimming Results for County:-

Girls U10. 1st Maebh Maguire*
Girls U12 2nd Aine Maguire
Girls U12 4th Claire Lynch
Girls U14 2nd Aislinn Corbett
Girls U14 2nd Katie Walsh
Girls U16 2nd Roisin Maguire
Girls U13 Relay 1st Aine Maguire, Claire Lynch, Niamh Henry, Rachel Millea, Laoise Gillman, Sarah Millea.*

Boys U12. 1st Matthew Hussey Walsh*
Boys U13. 3rd Swimming Squad: Ben Muldoon, Matthew Hussey Walsh, Luke Fahy,

Aidan Mooney, Sean Finnerty, Scott Britton. The winners in the events marked with an* will represent Kildare in the National Finals. Congratulations and well done to the others listed and to all who represented Clane and Rathcoffey at County level.

Team Sports:-

Boys U10 Gaelic Football:

Pool of 4 play in Clane on Friday 8th May, starting 6.30pm.

Boys U11 Hurling: Clane beat Sallins in Sallins on Tuesday 28th April. C. 6-9 S. 1-1. Clane now proceed to the next round.

Boys U12 Soccer: 1st match, a win for Clane. Clane vs. Kill/Johnstown: 2 : 0

Girls U12 Gaelic Football:

Clane vs. Kilcullen (in Kilcullen) on Thursday 30th April.

Girls U14 Gaelic Football:

Meet Monasterevan on Sunday 3rd May at 5pm in Clane GAA.

TIDY TOWNS

The National Tidy Towns Competition has been running since 1958. Clane Community Council has been involved since 1973, which is 42 years ago. Clane's involvement goes back even further to the 60s, when a group largely involving the I.C.A. and a few men were active.

The present committee is a sub-committee of the Community Council but, in addition, it involves several very dedicated members who have not a direct involvement with it.

As is usual in the run up to judging, which commences in June, Tuesday evenings at 7.30 are set aside for work parties. An occasional Saturday morning is also arranged for special undertakings, such as the sweeping of the Main Street. You will see reminders in the notice boards. Volunteers meet at the Abbey Community Centre, where tools and equipment are stored.

All comers are very welcome and an hour of your time would be very much appreciated. Tidy Towns is a broad church and involves every man, woman and child in the community (Green Schools included). We can all contribute in our own particular way.