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The newly elected Council for the term 2022-2023 is below:-

Austin, Maurice

Carroll, Paul

Dempsey, Will

Doolan, Marion

Drumm, Des

Fitzgerald, Nick

Groarke, Aileen

Grogan, Martine

Healy, Martina

Kennedy, John

Lowry, Henry

Mahon, Rita

Mahon, Rob

McCreery, Tom

McDonagh, John

McEvoy, Pádraig

McEvoy, Tony

McKenna, Tony

Noonan, Anne

Power, John

Quirke, Michael Patrick

Elected Officers for 2022:-

**Chairman: John Kennedy**

**Vice-Chairman: John Power**

**Secretary: Paul Carroll**

**Asst. Secretary: Will Dempsey**

**Treasurer: Pádraig McEvoy**

**Asst. Treasurer: Martine Grogan**

**PRO: Marion Doolan**

**Asst. PRO: Robert Mahon**

Membership of Sub-committees

Finance: Pádraig McEvoy, Paul Carroll, Nick Fitzgerald, John Kennedy, Anne Noonan, Martine Grogan.

Clane Tidy Towns: Tony McKenna, Freda Fogarty, Tom McCreery, John Kennedy, Pádraig McEvoy, Maureen Beirne Breda Gunning, Derek Gunning, Julie Manzor, Jeanette Drumm, Finbarr D'Arcy, Mary Murtagh, Mary Morrin, Stephanie Alves.

Clane and Rathcoffey Community Games  
Martina Healy, Anne Noonan, Tom McCreery, Nick Fitzgerald, Tony McEvoy, Bernie Foley, Edel Mason, Henry Lowry, Susan Galbraith,

**EDITOR'S DEADLINE**

The deadline for receipt of material for the April issue of Le Chéile is

**Monday 21st March**

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**Des Drumm.**

**Abbey Community Centre:** Nick Fitzgerald, Paul Carroll, John Power, Anne Noonan, Maurice Austin, Tony McEvoy, Pádraig McEvoy, John Daly.

**Friary & Abbey Cemetery:** John Brody, John McDonagh, Tony McEvoy, Mark Moffat, Tom Cleary, Phil McCormack.

**Heritage:** Des Drumm, Pádraig McEvoy, John Kennedy, Robert Mahon, Tony McEvoy.

**Clane Watch:** Pádraig McEvoy, Henry Lowry, Tony McEvoy, Dave McCann, John McDonagh, Robert Mahon, Anne Noonan, John Power. Will Dempsey, John Daly.

**Clane Autism Friendly Town:** Louise Cullen, Seamus O'Connor, Rob Mahon, Joanna Cullen, Alan Condron, Karen Malin, Sarah Martin, John Kennedy, Sam Buckmaster..

**Web:** John Kennedy, Pádraig McEvoy, John Power, Martine Grogan, Paul Carroll, Robert Mahon, Will Dempsey.

## **Wogan-Brown relatives visit their ancestral burial grounds in Clane, February 2022**

The Wogan-Browne family are regarded as the most historic family in the history of Clane.

The earliest connection of the family

to the area dates from 1317, when Sir John Wogan the Justiciar who was ruling Ireland on behalf of the King, acquired the barony of Ikeaty and firmly established the family seat at Rathcoffey Castle. This barony extended from the Rye Water at Kilcock to the Liffey at Richardstown The connection of the Wogans and their successors the Wogan-Brownes to this area continued until the implementation of the Windham Land act of 1903 when the family sold the freehold rights of their remaining estates in the area. The family, however, continued to reside in Naas until the tragic death of Lt. John Wogan-Browne on 10 February 1922.

Lt Wogan-Browne who was an officer in the Royal Field Artillery in the army barracks in Kildare town was killed during an armed robbery of the regimental pay at hands of IRA members apparently acting without sanction. The tragic event took place in the transition period following independence when the British army were evacuating from the country.

On the centenary of this event, Lt Wogan-Browne's grand-nephew Charles Lillis and his wife Veronica visited John's grave in St Corbans Cemetery, Naas. Three days later they visited the two family burial plots, the Old Abbey burial ground in Clane and the family mausoleum in Mainham Cemetery.

Charles and Veronica viewing the Wogan and Wogan-Browne plaques on the wall of the Abbey Community Centre.

The plaque reads:

### Wogan family

Anglo-Norman family owning lands here since the early 14th century, living in Rathcoffey Castle. Junior branches emerged at Downings, Blackhall and Richardstown. Rathcoffey Wogans inter-married with the Brownes of Castlebrowne (Clongowes Wood), becoming 'Wogan Browne'. Many are famed internationally, and generations are buried here.

They also visited the Wogan altar tomb, and the Wogan Browne mausoleum in Mainham.

We hope to arrange a future presentation with more space to do justice to this work of Seamus Cullen.