

# Muckross mail

April 2001

M u c k r o s s P a r k P a s t P u p i l s U n i o n

PRESIDENT'S



ADDRESS

Once again, on behalf of myself and the Committee I would like to welcome you to the 2001 edition of the Muckross Mail. The year has passed very quickly and it seems no time since I was writing about Muckross being 100 years old.

As you know, to celebrate the centenary we held the Centenary Reception on 7th May 2000. This event was a departure from the usual fund raising function, the Fork Supper. I am delighted to report that it was a huge success with the biggest turnout in years. The feedback on the occasion was very positive. Both the venue for the event - the school concert hall - and the informality of the reception proved to be a hit.

Generally people felt they could circulate more freely and meet more people. Based on this, we have decided to use the same formula this year and I hope to see many more of you on 29th April. At this point, I would like to thank Cathy and John O'Connor who provided the food for the event last year. They have been catering our annual event for the last few years and as Cathy (nee Whyte) is also a past pupil we get great care and attention.

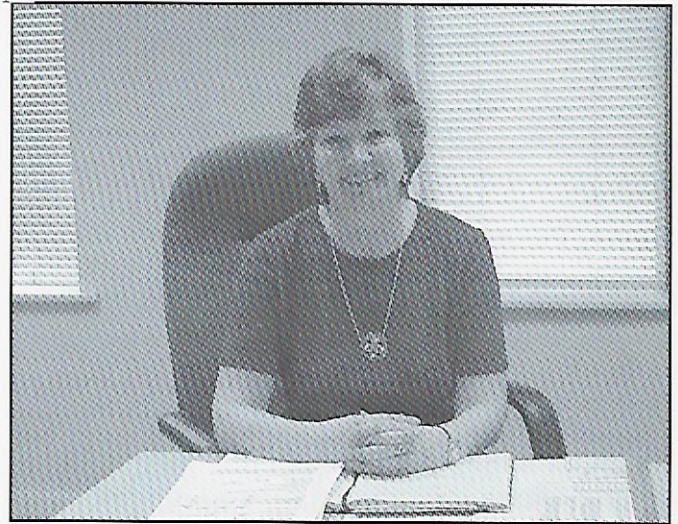
Thanks to the very generous support of our sponsors, we had wonderful prizes for the raffle. Congratulations to Janet McKenna (nee Madigan) who won our first prize, a week in a Trident Holiday Home kindly donated by Jacinta Stacy (nee Doolin). I hope you will enjoy the prizes we have for you this year.

At the Reception I was delighted to make a presentation of a gift on behalf of the Past Pupils Union to commemorate the centenary to Sr Brenda Mary, Prioress. This was a special altar cloth or more correctly, an antependium for the chapel. Due to the shape of the cloth when it was wrapped, many people thought it was a smoked salmon!

I would also like to thank Patricia Fitzsimons, principal, for allowing us the use of the concert hall and various classrooms. Being in the hall brought back many memories to all who attended and was a big factor in the enjoyment of the night.

During the year I attended the annual dinners of Eccles Street, Dun Laoghaire and Sion Hill. These were very enjoyable and also useful as they afforded all the presidents the opportunity of meeting and comparing notes on how each of the Unions were doing. Two of the Unions hold their AGM and annual reunions as separate occasions, with the annual dinner being held in either a hotel or golf club. This is something we may discuss at our own AGM. The other big function I attended was the Garden Party on 9th September, the actual birthday of the founding of Muckross. It started with Mass in Donnybrook church and I will never forget the noise of hundreds of women talking and laughing in the church before Mass started. The party had definitely started long before it even got to the gardens in Muckross!

Our other fundraising function, the Bridge Drive, took place on 1st October. I am sorry to report that attendance at the event was down



yet again. Nevertheless, those who attended enjoyed the occasion, especially the prize winners! I would again like to thank Mary Keating, Margo Doyle and all the scorekeepers who worked hard to run the event for us. This year we have decided to hold a table quiz by way of a change. If you've been watching all the TV quiz shows your general knowledge will be well up to scratch!

At this point I would like to thank all on the Committee for the work in helping to organise the above events during the year. I can vouch for everything from their sandwich making abilities to moving furniture!

Once again on behalf of the PPU, I presented books to the school Library last November. The books covered subjects such as Physics, History, Sport and Fashion.

One of the main tasks of the Committee this year was a campaign to recruit new members. To do this, we recently targeted a random 500 from the classes of 1979 up to date and posted a questionnaire together with a membership form to each of them. From the responses we hope to get a better idea of what people want from a PPU. There is a similar questionnaire in the magazine and I would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete it and return it to me.

Finally, I would like to thank all the contributors who wrote articles for the Muckross Mail this year, especially Tony Davis, our cartoonist, who also compiled the crossword. Thanks also to our Editor, Valerie Cox (nee Fitzpatrick) and Lisa Deeney for getting this publication ready for the printers and Sheila Hughes (nee Nally) of Lantz Ltd who prints the *Muckross Mail* every year without charge to the PPU. Without Sheila's generous help there would be no annual magazine. I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Reunion on 29th April.

Gay Rodgers  
President

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# A tribute to Sister Bertranda

Sister Bertranda, who died last year, was a woman before her time, an insightful and enthusiastic English and History teacher who instilled in her pupils a love of literature and the intricacies of the language.

Her entry into the classroom was heralded by mounds of books; she always carried great piles of paper work and she liked to have her reference books handy. But these were no ordinary English lessons. Yes, she covered the prescribed texts but, while other classes were stuck with the Leaving Certificate curriculum or Enid Blyton or The Chalet School, Sister Bertranda introduced us to JD Salinger's 'Catcher in the Rye,' which was not too long off the banned list. It was quite a daring move for a nun (even a Dominican) in the heady sixties and we felt so grown up.

She encouraged an openness and enjoyment in our reading, a gift she gave us for life. There were no 'bad' books, there were no stony silences of disapproval if we turned up with offerings from the likes of Edna O'Brien. There was encouragement too for debates, essays and poetry and Sister Bertranda's pupils won many of the schools' writing competition of the day. She encouraged us to take flight as fledgling poets and writers. At that time there was a little magazine called 'The Imeldist' run by a

Dominican priest with the unlikely name of Father Hyacinth. We duly submitted our work and received in return shiny rosary beads. At one point we were in danger of going into business. I was a bit suspicious that this Father Hyacinth mightn't actually exist, so Sister Bertranda encouraged me to visit

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him in his Sligo Priory while I was there on holidays and, yes, he was there in the flesh!

Sister Bertranda had a great feel for the English language. I remember when we learned Tennyson's Lady of Shalott. She thought 'Shalott', 'Camelot' and 'Lancelot' were wonderful sounds and kept repeating them.

She believed in the authentic experience. On one occasion he asked us to write an essay on 'O'Connell Street at 8am.' O'Connell Street in the sixties was

deserted at 8am - no traffic jams, no early morning commuters. I remember it well - apart from one or two other people, there were flocks of seagulls and pigeons along O'Connell Street. We once had a school magazine 'School Echoes,' which I edited. At one stage I was involved in what I thought was a series of Gothic murder stories located in a school like Muckross. It involved about five or six gory melodramatic murders in each episode. At one stage Sister Bertranda asked, 'Would you not kill off a few nuns while you're at it?' Sister Bertranda was a teacher whose opinion we valued. The little notes and threats she wrote on our copybooks were important and I have kept my English essay copies to this day.

She was honest too, especially when it came to dealing with Hamlet. She agreed that Hamlet was a wimp, Ophelia was an airhead and the entire family was severely dysfunctional. We kept in touch over the years. She took a great interest in her past pupils and what they got up to and she remembered the important events in our lives.

I will remember her as a woman who was a true teacher, who believed in herself and who handed on the best of her knowledge, experience and confidence

Valerie Cox

## Membership subscriptions

Our present membership is made up of Life members and Annual members. However, only 14 members pay by standing order. In an effort to cut down on administration we would greatly appreciate if those who pay by cheque each year could switch to a standing order. This would remove the necessity of sending out reminders.

Also, during the year the Committee looked at how the Union was funded. After much consideration it was decided

that in future we would offer an Annual Membership only in an effort to generate more income. This change in no way affects the existing Life Members. It has been very many years since the subscription has been reviewed and I'm sure you will understand it has been necessary to increase it to £10 (with a reduced rate of £5 for over 60s).

We hope to have a discussion regarding the future funding of the Union at the AGM.



# Annual Reunion Reception

The Reunion Reception in aid of the Benevolent Fund takes place on Sunday 29th April 2001 in the School Concert Hall at 8.00pm.

The Annual PPU Mass will take place at 6.00pm in the Chapel. This will be followed by the AGM at 7pm approx.

We will be serving finger food and the cost of £10 will include a glass of wine. Wine and minerals will also be on sale.

We will also have our famous Bumper Raffle.

What about the class reunion that you have been meaning to organise? If you are 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 or 60 years left school, why not meet at the Reception?

Early bookings are advisable, as the number of places are limited.

Telephone bookings will NOT be taken.

## Reunion Reception

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I will be at the Reception YES \_\_\_ / NO \_\_\_  
 £10

£10.00 Annual Membership YES \_\_\_ / NO \_\_\_  
 (or complete the enclosed standing order)

I enclose cheque (payable to Muckross PPU) for total £ \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and post to:

Hon. Treasurer  
 Muckross PPU  
 10 Woodstown Rise  
 Woodstown Village  
 Knocklyon  
 Dublin 16

## Agenda for AGM on 29th April 2001

1. President's Opening Remarks
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Apologies
4. Correspondence
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Adoption of Reports
8. President's Address
9. Future of the PPU
10. Any Other Business
11. Election of Officers & Committee



IT'S AN APPLICATION FROM  
 MUCKROSS PPU

# Follow your dreams

**M**y appreciation of the joy, versatility and physicality of the English language stems from my time in Muckross. In Particular, two teachers stand out - St Innocentia (now Sr Marie) and St Patrick, regretfully no longer with us. But it was not until the mid 1970's when I had two children and was fairly house bound and moaning about it, when my husband Xavier landed home with a typewrite and said, "now write".

And so I did. Starting with magazine short stories - you know the kind - complaint blonde, blue-eyed heroines and rugged problem-solving males. To my delight the first several were published and then many more returned. But, bitten by the writing bug, I tried my hand at feature writing. A Muckross education includes determination in the face of adversity!

I did pieces for the majority of Irish Newspapers and magazines doing on theatre, dance, profiles including writer Frederick Forsyth, actors Siobhan McKenna and Cyril Cusack, Molly, Lady Cusack Smith of Galway Blazers fame. As well as J P Donleavy, whose baby daughter when photographer from Image and self went to his place outside Mullingar to do House of the Month for Image, was sitting in playpen in middle of kitchen, on pot reading upside down Ulysses! Ended up specialising in company profiles. Early 1990's moved into radio, a medium which I love. Am a regular contributor to Sunday Miscellany, made documentaries for RTE and BBC. Subjects covered included adoption, AIDS, Camphill Community, loneliness and Herman, the story of an East Galway bachelor farmer. Wonderful scope for research and travel and to meet fascinating people, so generous with their time.

My first play 'A Marriage of Convenience,' the story of Cornelia Connelly, founder of Holy Child Order, produced 1994, another Time & Straw schedule for 2001 on subject of designer Eileen Gray born Enniscorthy

1870's but lived in Paris most of her life. National Museum have recently acquired artefacts.

Inadvertently I ended up helping a colleague on a weekend writing course. And so the idea of running own courses tailor-made for publication was born. One thing led to another, as happens in life, but particularly in the writing business and I've done work with FAS, ICA Camus project, Park House etc. Ended up part of UCD Adult Ed Programme lecturing on Writing for Radio; also DCFE Journalism module for London City & Guilds. Formed company Media Matters, which administers this, brochure writing and PR.

**I**n between times, I wrote some non-fiction books starting with Dying with Love culled from a radio documentary of same title. Next Writing for the Market; then Earning Your Living from Home, followed by Working Mothers. At same time was dabbling in short stories, a bit more literary than my debut magazine ones and Bananas was nominated for the Hennessy Award.

For many years I had running around my head what I called the "Mikey Story", which I was told while compiling "Mother & Daughter" documentary. I realised it would only work as fiction. And so against all professional advice Once Upon a Summer was not only conceived but born and published, though the operation did take the best part of three years. Have just finished Felicity's Wedding and feel that my focus for next while anyway, will be on fiction.

I consider myself fortunate to be able to pursue the career of my dreams, the seeds of which I well remember being planted during a reading by Sr Marie of W B Yeats "... Cloths of Heaven", which to the best of my recollection, wasn't even on our Inter Cert course.

**Patricia O'Reilly**

## COMBINED DOMINICAN UNION GOLF OUTING



**Monday 23rd July 2001**

**Naas Golf Club**

**For further information contact**

**Breda McCormick -**

**Telephone: 280 3710**

We would like some support for this event, it is a good day's Golf, with all the Dominican Schools taking part. They play for a challenge Cup - a beautiful piece of Waterford Crystal. Muckross have won in before - and would like it again - but need MORE HELP in the way of supporters. If you are a golfer (with a LUGI Handicap) please do come along and join the winning team. The best three scores from each school make up the winning team. There are lots more prizes as well.

**Golf+Meal+Chat also**

# Muckross Past Pupils Committee 2000/2001

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**Editor**

*Muckross Mail:* Valerie Cox (Fitzpatrick)

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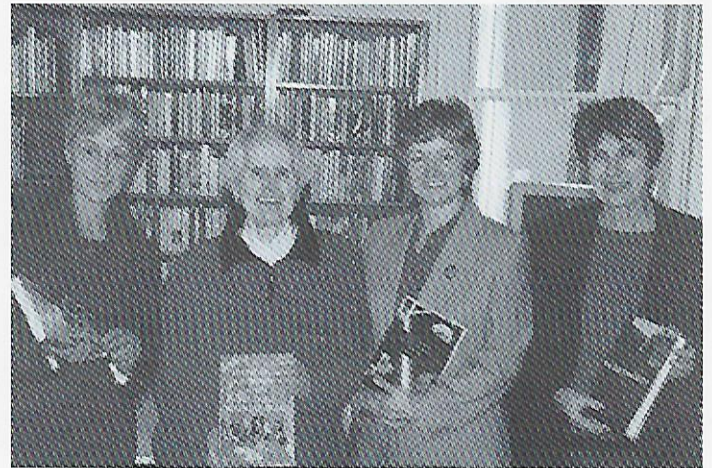
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## RAFFLE

At the Annual Reunion on 29th April we will, as usual, be holding our Bumper Raffle. We are delighted to announce the following wonderful prizes thanks to the generosity of this years sponsors - Stena Lines, Great Southern Hotels, Eircell and the *Irish Garden Magazine*.

- 1st Prize** A Weekend for 2 in any Great Southern Hotel
- 2nd Prize** Eircell Ready-To-Go WAP mobile phone
- 3rd Prize** Stena Line Day Return Trip on the HSS for 2 adults and 2 children
- 4th Prize** 1 Year's Subscription to *Irish Garden Magazine* plus one of their super fleece jackets, and many more

**Tickets at £5 will be available on the night**



*Patricia Fitzsimons, Muckross Principal; Sr Barnabas; Gay Rodgers, President, Muckross Past Pupils; and Moira Laffan, librarian; attending the presentation of books by Gay to the library in November*

## Muckross hockey club

**M**uckross Hockey Club is one of the oldest and most successful in Ireland. Over the years the Club has represented Ireland in Europe, winning a European Bronze medal.

It also has a strong tradition in developing young members in hockey administration and many members, both current and past, have served on Leinster and Irish hockey committees.

Many past pupils of Muckross College are playing with the Club, including Moya Ryan, Deirdre Ross, Sinead Smith and Blaithin Fitzpatrick, who is the Club Captain.

Currently the Club has five teams playing in Leinster leagues from senior to junior level. Each team has a coach and a manager and the Club has a physical trainer.

To those of you reading this who enjoyed playing hockey years ago, why not come and join our veterans team whose

lack of energy is made up for by enthusiasm. The Club also has a large Colts section which has it's own coaches and whose teams play in special Colts competitions.

The Colts section has an emphasis on developing young players to enjoy their hockey and to understand the importance of team sports and commitment to other team members.

Muckross Hockey Club is currently going through a rebuilding phase with many young and talented players taking their first steps into Club and senior hockey.

This allows a great opportunity for all members to play the game to their highest potential.

We welcome membership enquiries from players of all standards, young and old!

*Please contact: Blaithin McCormack (nee Fitzpatrick) 01-2960764*

## Forthcoming events

### AGM

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### REUNION RECEPTION

Date: Sunday 29th April 2001

Venue: Muckross Park

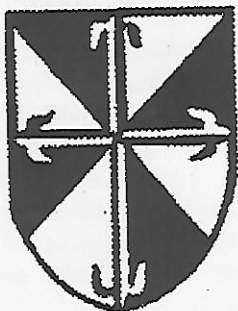
Time: 6 p.m.

### TABLE QUIZ

Date: Tuesday 18th September  
2001

Venue: Stillorgan Park Hotel

Time: 9 p.m.



### Monthly Mass

There is a Past Pupils Mass in Muckross at 11.15 am on the first Sunday of each month (except May\*, June, July, August). The Mass in November is offered for all deceased Past Pupils.

*\*The Combined Dominican Union Mass is held in Muckross on the second Sunday in May, the 13th. If you know anyone from another Dominican school why not invite them to come along to this Mass with you!*



*Deirde Ross; Maeve Brennan; Emer Sheehy; Philo Fisher; and Elaine Bastable*

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WHAT BOUNDARIES?

# Irish priest decorated with Ghana's highest award

*Fr Campbell is a former Chaplain to Muckross Park*

For lepers in Ghana, especially in Accra, the capital, 54-year-old Irish born catholic priest, the Reverend Father Andrew Campbell, is their hero, friend and saviour. "Father Campbell is a very good man. He treats us with dignity," said Seth Agyekum, a 76-year-old inmate of the Weija Cured Leprosy Patients Rehabilitation Centre just outside the heart of Ghana's capital



*Former President of Ghana, Jerry Rawlings, decorated Fr Andrew Campbell, receiving Ghana's highest honour, a Grand Medal Honorary Division in January*

"Look at the buildings which are being painted. It is the work of Father Campbell. They have free food and do not pay water and electricity bills. They have clothes," added David Mensah, warden of the centre. Indeed, Father Campbell's work has been appreciated even by former President Jerry Rawlings who decorated him with one of Ghana's highest honours, Grand Medal Honorary Division in January.

Not only lepers appreciate Father Campbell, but health workers and members of society do as well. Father Campbell preaches the integration of lepers into society and their treatment with dignity. He is horrified that lepers are treated like third class citizens, and describes the act "a terrible thing". "These people have rights and have to be taken care of," he told PANA. "These people have to be treated with dignity. The notion that once a leper always a leper is not true," he said.

Father Campbell, an executive member of the Leprosy Aid Committee formed 10 years ago, said the old Biblical notion that lepers should be kept well of town and bells put around them to announce their arrival so that the rest of society avoids them must not hold true today. Born in Dublin, Ireland, on 27 March, 1946, he attend-

ed Kinder-garten at Sisters of Charity School and de la Salle Primary School, both in Dublin. "My parents could not afford to send me to secondary school, so at the age of 13 years, I worked as a van delivery boy," he said. (This was before the advent of free secondary school for all)

Father Campbell said he subsequently saved enough money and entered secondary school. He studied philosophy and theology and through hard work and dedication, obtained his bachelor of Divinity degree from St. Patrick's College in the United Kingdom in October 1970. In December 1970, he was ordained into the Catholic Priesthood. Father Campbell arrived in Ghana in October 1971 as a Missionary Priest in the Society of the Divine Word and has worked in several parishes - Osu, Holy Spirit Cathedral, Sacred Heart, all in Accra.

His activities are not only limited to the area of rehabilitating lepers. In 1978, he opened the sacred Heart Paris Middle School in Accra and two years later, founded and opened the Sacred Heart Vocational Institute for poor and needy students in Accra Central. Father Campbell said that

over 1,500 needy students have passed through the school. He added that through the help of benefactors and friends, he has sponsored 140 needy and poor students each year through primary, junior secondary school, senior secondary school and the university.

His work is also serving the ageing, as he is a founding member of Help Age Ghana, an NGO that cares for old people. Father Campbell has worked tirelessly, through the Leper's Aid Committee to bring happiness to lepers. Every year, he holds an awards night where individuals and organisations that have helped the committee are honoured. "So far, we have raised 60 million cedis for lepers in Ghana," he said in one of such meets.

"As Christians, our wealth must be the poor. When you see them at the centre they are happy. They have to be treated with dignity."

Father Campbell always underscores the need to integrate lepers into society. That may be a long time away, but his target would be achieved quicker once the disease is eradicated in Ghana.

*Source: Pan African News Agency - by Mawusi Afele*

# The topography of terror

**B**erlin at the turn of the millennium is a city roused from post-war torpor and enthusiastically embracing a bright new future.

Everywhere there are signs of dynamic commercial growth. Giant cranes dominate the skies, earth movers scurry around building sites like ants, and hard-hatted workers labour non-stop demolishing, rebuilding and filling vacant sites with huge new apartment blocks, stores and offices.

But there is one derelict site, which still remains untouched. Within walking distance of the main hub and pivot of city regeneration at Potsdammer Platz lies a wasteland, a bleak, desolate square bordered on one side by a remaining length of the famous Wall. Black plaques along the peripheral pathways mark the sites formerly occupied by Hotel Prinz Albrecht, the School of Applied Arts and Design and the imposing Print Albrecht Parlays.

The desolation of this neglected space is explained in all its horror. For those buildings were the nerve centre of the Nazi regime. This was the power base of terror in the Third Reich. Here Himmler, Heydrich, Eichmann at an early stage, and other infamous Nazis were the desk-bound criminals who gathered intelligence and planned, co-ordinated and administered deportations, concentration camps and genocide. Here were the dreaded SS offices where political prisoners, "enemies of the state", including those implicated in the 20th July Hitler assassination attempt, were questioned and tortured. The remains of their basement cells, excavated after the war, are now visible and preserved as a chilling reminder of their former use. They also serve to remind us that there were many courageous champions of justice and democracy, who were prepared to stand up to the

power of the police, the Gestapo and the SS. Many of these ended their lives in the notorious death camps.

Not one of those former elegant buildings remains standing today. Many were damaged by Allied bombers in the final months of the war. Although other areas of the city were painstakingly rebuilt in the post-war years, there seems to have been a shamefaced reluctance to face up to what horrors were conceived in this cursed square. To add to its neglect, after the partition of the city in 1961, this area became a no-man's-land right under the Wall. Except for some of those who survived interrogation there, it was repressed in public consciousness and its memory became a victim of mass denial. Over time, un-remarked and unnoticed, the buildings were pulled down, and the rubble cleared away.

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But in one corner of this silent landscape lies a small new building housing an exhibition called the Topography of Terror. Built as part of Berlin's 750th anniversary celebrations, its object is to bring home to a new generation, and perhaps to remind an older one, of a discreditable period in the history of Berlin. Set up in 1987, it gives pictorial documentation of the powers, which reigned on this site from 1933 to 1945. In the course of excavating for this new building, hitherto unknown cellars from an annexe to the

Gestapo headquarters were discovered. These now serve as part of the exhibition centre, creating a stark feeling of authenticity as you walk from cellar to cellar, looking at pictures of Hitler and his uniformed cohorts in all their splendour and the pleasant, open faces of their political and moral victims, actors, priests and pastors among them. You can see photos of Jewish people en route to the death camps. There are none of gay people, for some reason, but there are some wonderful photographs of gypsies, including one of a large, fat, jolly man, his face full of character and bonhomie, smiling roguishly at you with twinkling eyes. The date of his concentration camp death under his name is like a slap on the face. This, more than any of the overwhelming, grim historical facts, brings the cruelty of the Terror horribly into human focus.

The seeds of terror leading to this man's murder, and to the Holocaust in general were sown and propagated on this site. Here, clean hands and white collars administered the repression of opponents to fascism and the persecution, deportation and elimination of German and European Jews, gays and gypsies.

Since 1987 plans have been mooted and drawn up to turn this grim site into a memorial to the victims of National Socialism. But there are problems. Many Jewish people feel that a memorial might draw the unwelcome attentions of neo-Nazis. They feel that funding might be better used to educate young people on the current dangers of race hatred, which threatens Jews and non-Jewish immigrants alike.

As for me, an outsider looking in, I feel that, left just as it is, ugly, neglected and barren, it might just demonstrate the clay feet of fascist ideology.

*By Máire (O'Rourke) O'Carroll*



# QUESTIONNAIRE

Five free memberships to the first five questionnaires returned

The Muckross Past Pupils Union is celebrating its 89th year in 2001 - it is the oldest girls past pupils union in the country. Formed in 1912, the Union began 12 years after the school was founded - it seems there was a Union as soon as there was a past pupil!

The principal aim of the Union has been to encourage and help past pupils to remain in contact with the school and with each other. We do this mainly through a yearly newsletter - the *Muckross Mail* - and an Annual Reunion function (held in April of each year). The PPU runs a Benevolent Fund which is used to help (on a totally confidential basis) past pupils who might have financial difficulties. We also provide support to the school by an annual donation of books to the library.

Considering the age of the school and the vast number of pupils who have passed through it, the Union has only just over 400 members although membership has been increasing in the last couple of years. At present, the age profile of the Union is probably not as balanced as it could be.

The PPU's main aim this year is to increase the number of members particularly from the more recent graduates - new blood is always needed to bring fresh ideas. You are a past pupil as soon as you leave the school - you don't have to wait for grey hairs before you join.

At the AGM we will be discussing the future of the PPU and what we can do to revitalise it.

To help in this effort I would be grateful if you would complete the following questionnaire and return it as soon as possible to:

Muckross PPU  
C/o 33 Hazel Avenue, Kilmacud, Co. Dublin.

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Do you think the PPU should continue ?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Career networking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	News of alumni	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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* Specify other desirable activities of the PPU:			
Do you think more would join the PPU if there was an affiliate branch with an upper age limit of say 35 with its own subcommittee		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you consider joining a committee ?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you run a business would you like to:	Advertise in the Muckross Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Donate a prize for the Reunion Day Raffle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Share your expertise with Transition Year students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Would you submit articles or photos for the next edition of the Muckross Mail ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you arrange a class reunion to attend the Annual Reunion Day Reception ?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We need to set up a Website for the PPU, would you be interested in helping ?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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# PRIZE CROSSWORD

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We are delighted to announce that O'Brien's Fines Wines in Donnybrook are sponsoring our 1st Crossword Competition. The winning entries will be drawn at the Annual Reunion Reception on Sunday 29th April. Don't forget the closing date for receipt of entries is Wednesday 25th April.

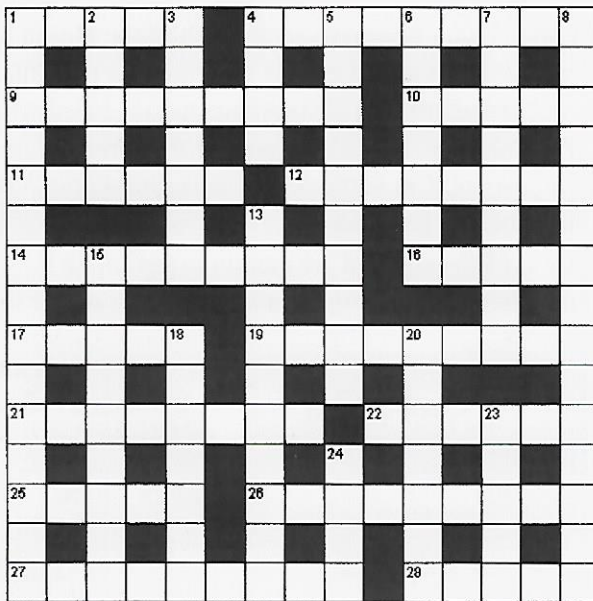
"Easy" Clues Prize: A bottle of Tatachilla Foundation Shiraz 1998:

This is a stunning limited release Shiraz from the McLaren Vale in Australia. It was awarded a gold medal at the International

Wine Challenge 2000. Wine Ireland reviewed this wine March 2001 and awarded it five Star, their highest award.

Cryptic Clues Prize: A bottle of Tatachilla Foundation Shiraz 1998. Plus: A Bottle of Los Boldos Vieilles Vignes Chardonnay 1999

This is a classic Chilean Chardonnay that has been carefully crafted to offer a profusion of concentrated fruit flavours complemented with well integrated French Oak. This wine was rated best New World Chardonnay by Gault-Millau 2000. This is a limited release wine.



## STRAIGHT CLUES

### ACROSS

1. Make a mess of (5)
2. Norman conqueror of Ireland (9)
9. Regal colour (5,4)
10. Reduces to liquid (5)
11. Sabbath (6)
12. Fat like a whale (8)
14. Well lit area of Dublin (4,5)
16. French goodbye (5)
17. Better (5)
19. 50:50 split (4,5)
21. Colloquialism for water (5,3)
22. Irish accent (6)
25. Garden plant (5)
26. Fruit like a gooseberry (9)
27. Phone back (4,5)
28. Follow (5)

### DOWN

1. They always flock together (5,2,1,7)
2. Take a chance (3,2)
3. Bag for everything (3,4)
4. Grain store (4)
5. Joined army again (10)
6. African country (7)
7. Classical dancer (9)
8. Common greeting on postcards (4,3,4,4)
13. It means traffic should stop, not go faster (5,5)
15. Minor offence (6,3)
18. Chance everything (4,3)
20. Odd, unusual (7)
23. Lawn material (5)
24. Expensive (4)

## CRYPTIC CLUES

One for the swots – the prize is a bottle of Tatachilla Foundation Shiraz (as above) PLUS a bottle of Los Boldos Vieilles Vignes Chardonnay 1999 rated best New World Chardonnay by Gault-Millau 2000.

### ACROSS

1. It backs Irish food to the bone (5)
4. Oddly inept manner loses in long term (9)
9. Good person confused in the dark (4,5)
10. Shakespearean king heads north to find out (5)
11. Sounds like new (American) states are up for hanging (6)
12. Indian jumping cry (8)
14. Hang back to keep rear end warm (3,6)
16. Fantasy often goes with boat ticket (5)
17. Girl takes heart from sombre day (5)
19. He doesn't exist – devious snooper collects two points (3,6)
21. Bargain for the facts (4,4)
22. Court with - added ph should be a success (6)
25. Amin turned over to fool (5)
26. Squeezing is our next arrangement (9)
27. Unprepared master valued by ear (9)
28. Cloaks make the old heads laugh (5)

### DOWN

1. Sailors going on holidays are being presumptuous (6,9)
2. House call (5)
3. I've laboured in pain to make it (7)
4. Fool put snitch under bottom of heap (4)
5. Diner with great stew getting in a new groove (10)
6. In general, everyone spilled the beans (3,4)
7. Formerly a diggers checkers (9)
8. Five and six catch murdering thief (3,12)
13. Circus act in most real dilemma (4,6)
15. 5 down losing the head rattled soldier (9)
18. Might he prefer talking books? (7)
20. Silent rustling? Have faith – it's in there somewhere (7)
23. Cutting top two off gets at the topping (5)
24. Ready stallion sounds as if he did it here (4)

Send your entry (by 25th April 2001) to Muckcross PPU, 33 Hazel Avenue, Kilmacud, County Dublin.

The Winners will be announced at the Annual Reception on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2001.

And while your at it, why not complete the questionnaire over the page.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Muckross Past Pupils Union

## Draft Accounts Year 2000-2001

### INCOME

Donations		75.00
Subscriptions	Life	330.00
	Annual	178.70
Reception	Ticket Sales	743.00
	Catering	(697.50)
	Supplies	(128.68)
	Wine	(40.15)
	Loss	(123.33)
	Raffle	790.50
Bridge	Ticket Sales	307.00
	Costs	(146.32)
	Surplus	160.68
	Raffle	129.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1,540.55</b>

### EXPENDITURE

Mail Shot	175.02
Mass Fees	20.00
Organist Fees	40.00
Bank Charges	10.44
Postage	6.60
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>252.06</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>1,288.49</b>
<b>Donations</b>	
Library	(215.00)
Benevolent Fund	(300.00)
Barrett Cheshire Home	(100.00)
<b>SURPLUS RETAINED</b>	<b>673.49</b>
<b>Bank Balances - 31-Jan-01</b>	
Current	2,110.87
Savings	286.79

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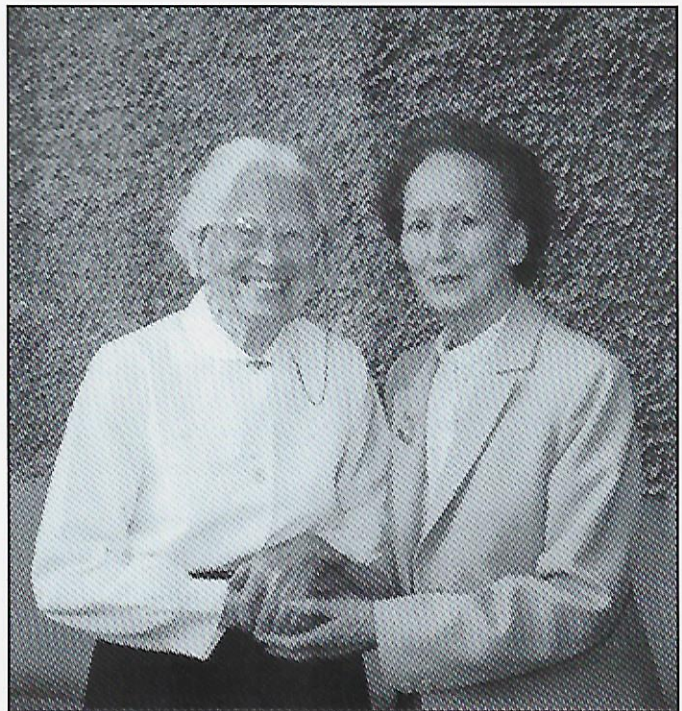
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