

# MUCKROSS MAIL

April 1999

## President's Address

Dear Past Pupil

I am delighted to welcome you to this edition of Muckross Mail – the last one of the century. I hope you enjoy this edition and we look forward to a special Muckross next year as apart from celebrating the new millennium Muckross will be celebrating 100 years as a school. We would welcome any suggestions from you as to how we can celebrate this occasion.

We had the Candlelight Supper in April, the proceeds of which go towards the Benevolent Fund. It was a most enjoyable night and we were delighted to have the Presidents of Eccles Street, Sion Hill and Dun Laoghaire as our guests. Eccles Street and Sion Hill still have their Dinner each year and Dun Laoghaire have a Luncheon to which the President of Muckross is invited. This year's Candlelight Supper will be held following the Annual General Meeting on 25th April next – we look forward to seeing you all there.

The date of the Bridge Drive has been changed to Sunday, 9th May next and we look forward to seeing all Bridge players at this event – there is a beginners section as well as an experienced section so no Bridge player has an excuse!

It was my privilege during the year to present the Principal of Muckross, Miss Patricia Fitzsimons, with books for the library. We have donated books to the library on behalf of the Past Pupils Union for the past few years.

Unfortunately my term of office ends at the Annual General Meeting this year. I would like to thank you all for the support, encouragement and help you gave me, and I am delighted to wish Gay Rodgers, my successor, a happy and enjoyable term of office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Noreen Quinn, Billy Bolger and Sheila Hughes (nee Nally) for editing, publishing and printing this Muckross Mail. Without their combined help you would not be able to enjoy this newsletter.

Finally, my sincere thanks to my committee for their help and encouragement during the year.

Yours sincerely  
**Katherine Duffy**  
*President*

## Forthcoming Events

### Candlelight Supper &

# AGM

Date: 25th April 1999

Venue: Muckross Park

Time: 6.15 pm

### Bridge Drive

Date: 9th May 1999

Venue: St Catherine's Hall

Time: 7.15pm



### 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. If you know anyone from another Dominican school why not invite them to come along to this Mass with you!*





## A Talented Tipperary Student Miss Margaret Moloney, M.A.

'We are very pleased to notice the remarkable scholarly record of Miss Margaret Moloney, of Ardmayle, who, on the 18th instant achieved the single academic distinction of being "capped" an Honour M.A. whilst still in her teens. Miss Moloney commenced her intermediate course in the higher grade school of the Presentation Convent, Cashel, and to the thorough teaching there received she attributes no small part of her success. From Cashel she passed on to the Ursuline Convent, Thurles, where she read conjointly for the Intermediate and the University. On the dissolution of the Royal and on the establishment of the National, Miss Moloney was compelled to leave her Ursuline professors, who had done so much for her advancement, and having transferred to the Queen's, entered the ladies' hostel for University students under the direction of the Dominican Nuns, Belfast. Miss Moloney was one of three Dominican students who were awarded the honours B.A., in 1911. She has this year improved her position by winning the blue silk hood, having obtained second place on the honours list.'

The above is a excerpt from an original dated 1912. A note on the back of it reads 'Maddie Moloney M.A. 1912, aged 19 entered the Dominicans 1915' Miss Margaret Moloney was Sr John who many of us remember with love and affection. Our thanks go to Una and Catherine Moloney who visited Sr Barnabas on 28th September last and gave her a copy of the above.

### Bridge Drive

Our sincere thanks to Margot Doyle Beatrice Doran and Mary Keating for again organising and running this most successful night. Without them we would not be able to have this event.

Thanks Margot, Beatrice and Mary.

Don't forget the Bridge Night 7th March 1999 at 7.15 pm







**Have you moved house recently?  
Have you married or changed  
your name?**

If we don't know your current address you will not get your Muckross Mail. Every year a number of Muckross Mails are returned by An Post marked 'gone away'. To avoid this please notify us of a change of address etc.

## Updating of Present Records

We are currently updating our records and are missing a lot of information.

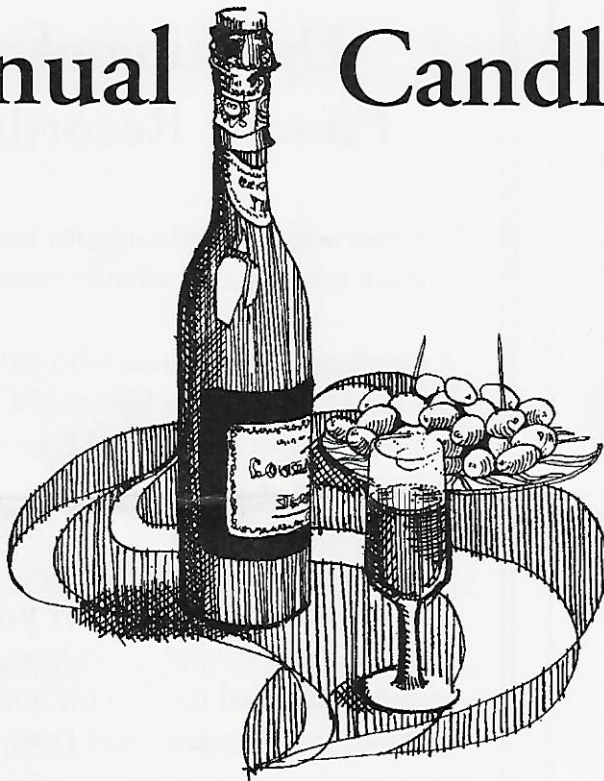
A big thank you to those who returned the forms we sent out last year. if you receive one this year PLEASE complete it (or correct it if necessary) and return it as soon as possible.

**The information on it is only used for the Past Pupils Union** – we have some members married names only and without maiden names and year of leaving school it is harder to organise class reunions etc.

### Committee 1998/99

	Name	Nee	Year Left	Telephone
President	Katherine Duffy	Fox	1971	2885843
Treasurer	Deirdre Redmond	Anderson	1979	2834378
Secretary	Thérèse Birthistle	Hackett	1949	2694167
	Sr Barnabas			2693018
	Sr Brenda Mary			2693707
	Louise Barnewell	Monks	1972	2986258
	Edie Goff	Ronaldson	1953	2695530
	Anne Keane	McIntyre	1955	2887632
	Deirdre McCann	Sherry	1953	2889514
	Niav Monks	Sheerin	1972	4935127
	Siobhan Morgan	Dowling	1955	2895435
	Fiona Murphy	Walsh	1981	2987986
	Norah Owens	O'Meara		2858777
	Gay Rodgers		1966	2886079
	Moya Williams	Forde	1970	2988358

# Annual Candlelight Supper



The Candlelight Supper takes place on Sunday 25th April, 1999 in St Catherine's Hall at 8.00 pm. The Annual General Meeting of the Past Pupils Union will start at 6.15 pm with Mass, followed by the meeting, and the supper

## Candlelight Supper

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

I will be at the Candlelight supper Yes/No

£5.00 Annual Membership Yes/No

£30.00 Life Membership Yes/No

I enclose cheque for £.....

Please detach and post to:  
Deirdre Redmond,  
36 Laurleen, Stillorgan, Co Dublin  
Telephone 2834378

The meal will be a buffet – with tea and coffee afterwards. It will cost £12.00 per head. Wine and minerals will be on sale. We will also have our famous bumper raffle.

Telephone bookings will be taken but payment must be received by Wednesday, 21st April.

Come on and join us. What about that re-union that you have been meaning to organise? Let us know if you are 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 years etc left school and we will organise a table for you.

Early booking is advisable as the number of places is limited.



## Back to School

It felt very strange, here I was with my 20 year old daughter who was walking into the UCD Campus laden down with books to attend lectures for her degree in Arts. Walking beside her a little sheepishly is her mother also laden down with books going to her lectures for an MA.

But how did this totally unplanned journey start, After I had left the hallowed halls of Muckross, work then marriage, family and other interests took over. But I always felt as the years moved on that I would have liked to have gone back to the books, to increase my knowledge base, but the option of 3rd level seemed way beyond me and surrounded by mystery and mystique. As you move on in years it fades even further, with thoughts such as I would never be able for that NOW.

But a need for further knowledge in the business forced my hand and I started a two year distance education National Certificate Course in Public Sector Management at the Institute of Public Administration in Dublin.

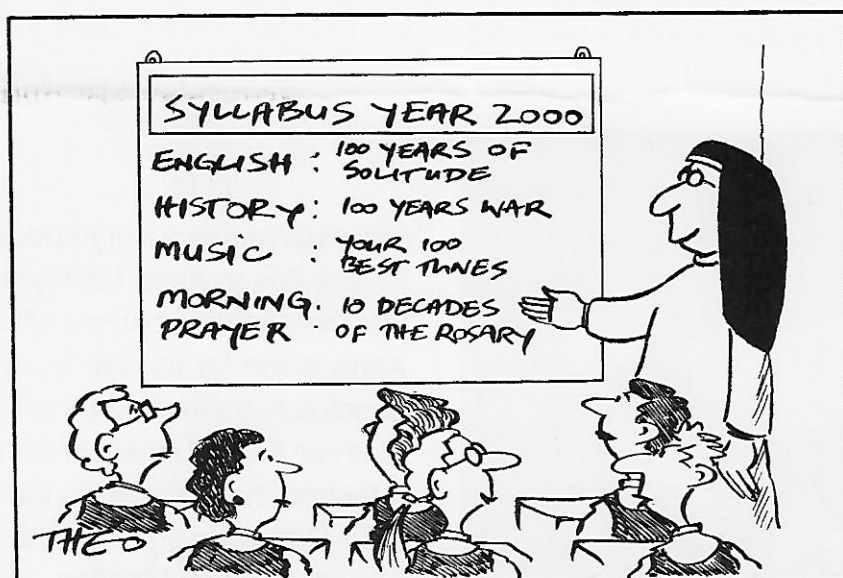
My fear and trepidation soon dissolved when I

discovered fellow souls struggling with the same dilemmas when we met at the monthly seminars held at weekends. It was a marvellous support system and the lecturers were very understanding (a joy to teach adults as they are there because they want to be and are highly motivated to succeed) Having completed this course at my own pace and the great sense of confidence that it gave was the catalyst to continue.

If you are thinking of having a go I would heartily encourage you to do so. The opportunities for return to further study have never been better for us mature types, but some advice, take it easy initially, pick a course that is not too demanding until you get into the routine of study. There will be a lot of reading and writing if you pick an academic course, so pick a subject that interests you.

Most importantly, get the family on your side you will need their co-operation and support, if only to take your calls 'Sorry Mum can't come to the phone right now she is in the middle of her homework'.

So stop dreaming about it, do it.



THEY'RE GOING OVER BOARD ON THIS CENTENARY YEAR BUSINESS



# COMBINED DOMINICAN UNION GOLF OUTING



Monday 26th July 1999  
Naas Golf Club

Tees reserved 1.30 – 3.30 pm

For further information contact Breda McCormick – Telephone 2803710

Sheila Hughes would like some support for this event. She tells us that 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 it before – and would like it again – but need MORE HELP in the way of supporters. If you are a Golfer (with a LGUI Handicap) please do come along and join the Winning Team. The best 3 scores from each school make up the winning team. There are lots more prizes as well. **Golf + Meal + Chat also**



We wish to say a very special Thank You to Alma McIntyre for this very special banner which Alma made for us. We were absolutely thrilled with it and want to show it off at every opportunity. It looked magnificent on the stage in St Catherine's Hall at the Annual General Meeting.

## MUCKROSS PARK PAST PUPILS UNION

We would like to show below how we have been raising and spending money over the past two years. As you can see we do not have a lot of money and try to do the best we can with the small amount we have.

### Provisional Accounts to 28 February 1999

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
Opening Current Account	£338.70		
Opening Deposit Account	£285.14		
		£623.84	
Candlelit Supper			
Receipts	£994.50		
Less Payments			
Catering	£465.50		
General expenses	£163.04		
Wine	£96.00	<u>£724.54</u>	
		£269.96	
Subscriptions			
Life	£30		
Annual	£151.19		
		£181.19	
Donations		£40.00	
			Cash on hands
			Current account
			£268.87
			Deposit account
			£285.14
Bank Interest Received		£0.00	
		<u>£1,114.99</u>	
			<u>£1,114.99</u>

*These figures do not take account of the cost of the Muckross Mail 1999, and some other small items*



## It's your PPU

To keep the P U going we need you as members. We also need a Committee. Are you willing to join the P U Committee? We always need new members and new ideas. Please contact one of us if you would like to join us, or have a brainwave you would like to share. There is a list of the present Committee in this edition of Muckross Mail so there is no excuse for not knowing who to contact!!!

Annual membership is due on the 1st April each year. If you have not paid your membership please do so today. To make it easy for you can complete the banker's order forms is printed below. Please complete and return to the Treasurer.



Maiden Name.....Year Left.....Phone No.....

### Banker's Order

To.....(Bank).....(Branch)  
Pay now and on the .....day of .....(month) of each year until further notice  
the sum of .....pounds £..... To the credit of the Muckross Past Pupils Union Account,  
Account No 17107621 at the Bank of Ireland, 34 College Green, Dublin 2, and charge the same to my account

NAME..... ACCOUNT NO.....

ADDRESS.....

Signature.....Date.....



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Years Old

As mentioned in the President's Address Muckross Park School is 100 years old on 8th December 2000. We would like to mark this very special occasion with one or more events. The Garden Party for the PPU's 80th anniversary was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We would like YOUR suggestions for marking this special occasion.

We would like to issue a bumper Muckross Mail in 2000 so we would appeal to you NOW to write down memories, stories etc about Muckross so that we can start putting it together. Ideally we would like to have anecdotes from all ages so come on PLEASE do it now and send to one of the committee – DON'T LEAVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE THEY MAY BE LEAVING IT TO YOU!