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Newsletter of the Muckross Past Pupils' Union

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From the Union President

It is difficult to believe that our Centenary Year celebrations are over. Muckross Past Pupils' Union is now on its way to its next hundred years. Let us all ensure that our Union continues for another century or more, by supporting its activities.

Our Centenary Celebrations opened with the Centenary Dinner which was held at the Stillorgan Park Hotel last April. There were 275 past pupils present and it was wonderful to meet up with people from all parts of the world who had travelled to be with us in Dublin for this great occasion.

Our Centenary book, 'A Century of Memories' was launched at the dinner. Congratulations go to Valerie Cox, a former president of the Union, who edited the book, and her Committee. The book has been a huge success with Muckross past pupils, who have bought copies in their hundreds – it is now almost sold out! But we still have a few copies left and they will be available at our next Annual Dinner.

This year's Dinner on 19th April will be part of The Gathering which the whole of Ireland is celebrating this year. So, if you have a school friend who lives abroad, perhaps you would invite them to come to The Gathering and attend the Dinner.

The Centenary Open Day on 7th October 2012 was held in the School by kind permission of the Principal Caroline Lundy and the Vice Principal Anne Marie Mee. The day included a tree planting ceremony and a Showcase for past pupils to promote their businesses (see more details later in

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Beatrice M. Doran



THE 2012 COMMITTEE CELEBRATING AT THE CENTENARY DINNER LAST APRIL

Left to right: Katherine Duffy (Fox), Felicity Coll (O'Brien), Ann Harper, Elizabeth Smyth, Sally Anne Roche-Kelly, Mary Buckley (Deane), Beatrice Doran, Claire Johns (Doyle), Helena O'Dowd, Valerie Cox (Fitzpartrick), Niamh Gourlay (Halpenny) and Gay Rodgers.

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this issue). Deirdre MacMathuna, the School Archivist, arranged a wonderful display of School Memorabilia including photographs going right back to the very beginning of the School in 1900. Everyone was absolutely delighted to browse through the collections, and spot themselves in group photographs or as performers in the School Operas and plays. The present pupils formed a School Hospitality Committee and provided tours of the new School, and everyone was most impressed with the facilities, the girls and their knowledge and love of the new School. The School Choir and the School Orchestra gave performances in the Gym which were very much appreciated by the past pupils. Highlight of the day was the Hockey Match between the School Senior Team and the Past Pupils. I was delighted to present the Centenary Cup to the School Team who won 3 - 2. It is proposed to make this an annual match so do support the Past Pupils' Team next autumn when the match will be played again in the School. Sponsorship for the day was acquired from local businesses, and for that we were most grateful.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt and Santa Party for the children and grand children of past pupils were a great success as usual. Thanks are due to our special Santa Claus and all involved in organising these events.

As a Union, we continue to support the Etafeni Playgroups in South Africa under the direction of the Dominican sisters and elsewhere in this Newsletter there is an update on their activities. We continue too to raise funds with our annual raffle for the Past Pupils' Union Benevolent Fund. We have a limited amount of funds available to support past pupils in need due to health or financial problems. Anyone who applies for support from this Fund is guaranteed absolute confidentiality. Please contact any committee member if you wish to avail of this facility.

Our monthly Mass continues to attract a small number of Past Pupils; a cup of coffee and chat are available afterwards. After the February Mass we were all delighted to meet and have a chat with Sr. Barnabas, who is of course a Muckross Past Pupil!

My term of office as president of the Union comes to an end at the AGM of the Union on 3rd March 2013. It has been a great pleasure to have been your president, and I wish my successor Niamh Gourlay (nee Halpenny, Class of 1983) a wonderful term in office.

Dr. Beatrice M. Doran,
President

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**AGM on Union Day**

Sunday 3rd March 2013 in Muckross Park
11.15 am Mass followed by AGM & refreshments

Easter Egg Hunt (members only)

Sunday 24th March 2013 in Muckross Park
At 12 noon. Advance booking essential

Annual Dinner

Friday 19th April 2013 at 7.30pm

In Stillorgan Park Hotel
Stillorgan, Co. Dublin
Advance booking essential

Combined Dominican Golf Society

50th Anniversary Outing on
Monday 8th July 2013 in Naas Golf Club
Book with Mary Ryan on 087-678 9078

Muckross Golf Society

Thursday 12th September 2013

Edmondstown Golf Club, Rathfarnham.
Book with Susan Fitzgerald at 086 833 1208 or
by Email to susanfitz1@gmail.com before 5th September

Combined Dominican Unions' Mass

Sunday 6th October 2013 in Muckross Park at 11.15am

Hockey Match – Past Pupils v School Team

Sunday 6th October 2013 in Muckross Park at 12.30pm

Santa Party (members only)

Sunday 1st December 2013 in Muckross Park
At 12 noon - 1pm. Advance booking essential.

PPU Mass in Muckross

1st Sunday of February, March, April, September,
October, November and December
at 11.15am in Muckross Park

STAY IN TOUCH BY FACEBOOK AND EMAIL

Check out our Facebook page, Muckross Park College Past Pupils Union; we have nearly 700 friends at the moment so why not join us there.

Send your email address to us at muckrossppu@gmail.com so we can add you to our contacts. If you are in touch with other Muckross girls perhaps you would be good enough to let us have their email address also.

Remember to let us know if you have changed your postal address or email address recently. *If your Email address was with ireland.com (now closed) please send your new email to us.* That way you won't miss out on Union news or the *Muckross Mail*. Likewise if you have news for us that we can put in the next issue of *Muckross Mail* we will be delighted to hear from you.



Wine Tasting Evening



This group seem to be concentrating seriously on the wine.



Noel MacMahon of Febvre who expertly guided us through the wine tasting being presented with a gift by Gay Rodgers from the PPU at the end of the evening.

As part of our centenary events, on an evening in May 2012 we held a tutored wine tasting. Twenty past pupils gathered in the tasting room of wine importers Febvre & Co Ltd., in Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18. The theme of the tasting was Old World v New World Wines. Noel MacMahon of Febvre welcomed everyone and took us on a journey of discovery with eight wines. We compared grapes from France, Chile, New Zealand and Australia. A fabulous array of finger food was provided for us by Maeve Kenny (Brennan) which really complimented the wine. As expected, the noise level rose as the evening progressed and luckily the LUAS was close by for the journey home.

We would like to thank Noel for entertaining and informing us, and Maeve and her helpers Deirdre Hickey (Ross) and Emer Smyth (Sheehy) for the super food.



This group don't look serious at all – Cheers!



Membership Subscriptions

For those of you who pay your annual subscription by cheque/cash please remember to renew your 2013 subscription now. We would greatly appreciate it if those who pay by cheque each year could switch to a Standing Order. This would remove the necessity of sending out reminders. Please complete the Membership Form at the back of this issue.

The Annual Subscription is €15 with a reduced rate of €10 for over 60s. *Please check your own bank account to make sure the amount of your Standing Order is in line with the current amounts and if not, complete a new Standing Order and send it to us to process.*

Your subscriptions help towards our various charitable projects including the Benevolent Fund, the Playgroup Projects in Cape Town and the costs involved in the production of the Muckross Mail. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A big Thank You to all the Sponsors of our 2013 Annual Raffle

This year's Centenary raffle has some really fantastic prizes which we hope will generate a bumper fundraising.

- 1st Prize:** Mid-week break for 2 with 2B/B & 1D in Monart Destination Spa, Co Wexford + 2 Spa Treatments
- 2nd Prize:** 2 nights B/B & 1D for 2 in Mulranny Park Hotel, Wexford, Co Mayo.
- 3rd Prize:** 1 Night B/B & 1D for 2 in Renvyle House Hotel, Connemara, Co Galway.
- 4th Prize:** Dinner for 2 with wine at Jamie's Italian Restaurant in Dundrum Town Centre.
- 5th Prize:** Dinner for 2 at Purple Sage Restaurant in Stillorgan Park Hotel.
- 6th Prize:** A Selection of Danish design 'Lene Bjerre' Kitchen Ware from The Elms in Punchestown.
- 7th Prize:** Family ticket for Wicklow's Historic Gaol.
- 8th Prize:** Family ticket for the Shackleton Experience in Dun Laoghaire.
- 9th Prize:** Cookery Book by Catherine Fulvio, signed by the author.
- 10th Prize:** Hamper of Books.

Tickets are €5 each or book of 5 for €20. If you did not receive you tickets with the *Muckross Mail* or you would like extra tickets please **Email: muckrossppu@gmail.com** or **Telephone 087 638 3683.**



Some of the children waiting for the start of the hunt. We like the cool dude with the shades on the right!

EASTER EGG HUNT



Past Pupils – Bring Your Children or Grandchildren to our Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday 24th March 2013
12 Noon in Muckross Park.**

For Bookings contact:
Grainne Cryan at 087 926 4003 or
Email: grainne@springael.info



Ava Whelan with one of the gold Easter Bunnies.



Denis Nolan found an egg!



AGM on Union Day

Union Day will take place on **Sunday 3rd March 2013** in Muckross Park. The format will be Mass at 11.15am followed by the AGM after which refreshments will be served. It is only by attending the AGM that we can hear your views on how you feel the PPU is performing and hear any new ideas for events and objectives for the coming year. We look forward to seeing lots of you on Union Day.

ANNUAL DINNER Friday 19th April 2013

As part of *The Gathering* in Ireland this year why not invite school friends who live abroad to come to a class reunion at the PPU Annual Dinner in Stillorgan Park Hotel on Friday 19th April 2013 at 7.30pm.

Tickets: PPU members €40 & non-members €45.

If you left Muckross 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50 or 60+ years ago organise a group of your classmates to celebrate your anniversary at the dinner – that includes Muckross 'old boys' too!

To book for the Dinner please send a cheque (*payable to Muckross PPU*) to the address on the Booking Form in this issue and you will be sent a Ticket to be brought along on the night. If you are planning a class reunion at the dinner we request that ONE person of that class be responsible to collect ALL names and cheques and forward them in bulk. Please contact us if you require a Group Booking Form. This will help greatly with bookings and avoid confusion. Large groups will be accommodated at adjoining tables.

Please Note: Telephone bookings will **not** be accepted and all tickets **must** be paid in advance, **no later than 12th April.**

CAPE TOWN UPDATE



Sr. Catriona who was home from Cape Town during the summer receiving a copy of *A Century of Memories* from Sr. Barnabas.

A big thank you to the Muckross PPU for the generous donation that arrived in the DOSCEP bank account on 24th December 2012, an amount of R5,533.30 in South African rand. It is a great help in supporting the Masizame Playgroup, an Etafeni foundation that continues to struggle in a poor area in the township of Nyanga. As the year goes on we will let you know how the Playgroup has benefited by your donation. Wishing the committee and all the Muckross Past Pupils a Happy 2013.

From Sr Aine and Sr Caitriona on a sunny day in Africa.

WIN A Great Escape to Monart in our Annual Draw



Escape to the award winning 5-star Monart destination spa in County Wexford. You and your guest can escape for a mid-week retreat; enjoy 2 nights deluxe accommodation, with breakfast each morning and a magical dining experience on one evening in Monart's renowned restaurant. Relax at the Thermal Spa facilities and be pampered with a spa treatment each. Simply relax and de-stress.

Set in over 100 acres of lush countryside, this escape offers a unique tranquil setting where you will leave feeling rested, pampered and ready for the world once more. Monart is an adults only destination spa offering luxurious accommodation, award winning food and a spa consistently named as one of the best in the world!



Take a peek at what you can look forward to on www.monart.ie



Muckross Centenary Hockey Match



President Beatrice Doran greeting both hockey teams as they line up before the match.

The final event on Centenary Day was the much anticipated hockey match – Past Pupils against the School Senior Team. There was a great buzz as the teams got ready. As at an international match both teams marched out on the pitch and lined up to be introduced to the PPU President. The match then got under way and both teams gave their all in a closely contested competition. It was looking like a draw until the School Senior Team scored the winning goal in the last few minutes. The final score was School Senior Team 3 - Past Pupils 2. Captain Aoife O'Donnell and Alex Lawless scored for the past pupils from short corners.

There was a great atmosphere between the players and we gather that the 6th years on the Senior Team were being actively pursued to join the past pupil team for the re-match in 2013.

Valerie Clancy (Barry) former international hockey player reported that it was a really good school team and they deserved their win by playing to a really good standard against the PPU team and that they have had a very successful season. Many thanks to the school for organising the game and especially John McCarthy their PE teacher who took on the task and gave a warm "Welcome" to the past pupils many of whom were visiting the new School for the first time. I hope it will be the first of many such meetings between the Past and Present Pupils.

A big thanks also to Leanne Gourlay who not only planned the event with me but also played for the Past Pupils team.

The Past Pupils team was made up of players from Muckross, Pembroke and Hermes hockey clubs. They included: Aoife O'Donoghue (Captain), Alison Landers, Alex Lawless, Emily Purcell, Emer O'Brien, Fiona McMahon, Fiona Cullen, Helen Kelly, Jane Kelly, Susan Kelly, Leanne Gourlay, Laura McNulty, Moya Ryan, Nuala Maguire, Nicole McKenna, Sonja Egan, Sinead Smith, Vicki McDonnell and Blaithean McCormack.

The School Senior team was Áine McCrann (Captain), Kate McGrath, Ruth Shaw, Susan O'Riordan, Laura Hanlon, Alex Hernan, Sarah Tuomy, Hannah McErean, Claire O'Connor, Jane O'Brien, Molly Sheridan, Susie Booth, Sophie Barnwell, Emma McKinney and Anna O'Flanagan (Coach)

We are most grateful to all involved with organising this event, the players, supporters and particularly Valerie Clancy (Barry), Leanne Gourlay and PE teacher John McCarthy.

The following is a match report poem by Áine McCrann, Captain of the School Senior Team and Hannah McErean.



Beatrice Doran (left), presenting Valerie Clancy with flowers after the hockey match.



Beatrice Doran presenting the Centenary Cup to Áine McCrann, Captain of the School Senior Team.

Muckross Centenary Hockey Match Past Vs Present

The 7th October was looming near,
Muckross PPU celebrates its Centenary Year.
A hockey match present pupils vs the past,
Captain Áine says 'don't worry they won't last!'
We marched onto the pitch and all shook hands,
Decked out in nice track suits, with our sticks and hair bands,
They analysed us closely checking out our positions,
We decided no problem, we aren't the ones who'll need physicians.
The past pupils were a formidable team
Could they put paid to our fanciful dream?
Jane scored two but so had they
Molly scored another one and saved the day.
The past pupils came from many years,
Some much older, some our peers.
We really enjoyed the close competitive game
And hope the past pupils felt the same,
We love hockey in Muckross and hope it never dies,
We will remember the great games for the rest of our lives.



Beatrice Doran and PE Teacher, John McCarthy, with the School Senior Hockey Team.



Nominations for the 2013 Committee

We are looking for nominations or for PPU members to volunteer to join the 2013 Committee. We have had quite a few of the more recent past pupils join the Union in the last few years and we would like to see them represented on the Committee to bring new ideas to the PPU.

The Committee only meet about 7 times a year. So as you see it will not eat into much of your time. If you are interested please contact PPU secretary Helena O'Dowd at 086 829 0909 or Email us at muckrossppu@gmail.com prior to the AGM.

This is your PPU and we need you to keep it going for another 100 years.

Jamie's

ITALIAN

WIN

a super 3 course dinner for 2 including wine at Jamie's Italian, Dundrum on any evening of your choice in our 2013 Annual Raffle.

WRITERS WORKSHOP

After a gap of a year another Writers Workshop was held in February 2012. Once again author Patricia O'Reilly (Dain) and Valerie Cox (Fitzpatrick) were the driving force behind organising this very successful event. Patricia put everyone who attended through their writing paces and imparted a lot of valuable information to all the prospective writers. We were delighted to welcome Deirdre Purcell as our special guest speaker. Deirdre talked about her varied career as an actress with the Abbey Theatre, a TV and radio broadcaster and best selling author of over 21 books.

We would like to thank the school for allowing us to hold the event in the school library – an appropriate location!



Deirdre Purcell addressing the gathering at the PPU Writers Workshop.

Patricia O'Reilly, Deirdre Purcell, PPU President, Beatrice Doran and Journalist, Valerie Cox.



Our Centenary Book 'A CENTURY OF MEMORIES'

It began in 2010, the magnificent project to catch and confine the history of one hundred years of the Past Pupils' Union into a centenary book. So, as with all good projects – first catch your committee! We assembled the most amazing people; many of them published authors and well respected historians. We had Mary Deane, Annette Quigley, Brenda Moore McCann, Beatrice Doran, Catherine de Courcy, Patricia O'Reilly, Gay Rodgers, Nollaig Rowan, Helen Litton and Emer Keeling. This was a real, hard-working committee and yes, we met every so often for long coffee-infused sessions, but most of the graft was done individually, the digging through histories and diaries and old books, the long hours spent in libraries and on the phone, the days spent threatening our contributors.

Then Jakki Moore sent us her paintings for the front cover and I think that's when the book became a reality for me! It later transpired that several people had given us friendly nods and wished us well but never expected to see the book in print. We thoroughly enjoyed collecting the anecdotes, memories that ensured that the people who formed our schooldays, among



them Sr Bertranda, Patsy Kinsella and Mother Patrick, were remembered forever.

The book was launched at the Centenary Dinner in April 2012 and it got a great reception. Since then it has almost sold out although we have filed away a few copies for posterity...books that will help kick-start the next Book Committee when they decide to embark on a similar venture years hence.

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Ann Harper, Sr Barnabas and Valerie Cox with the Centenary Book.



Valerie Cox left, editor of 'A Century of Memories' presenting the first copy to President, Beatrice Doran.

Editing 'A Century of Memories' became so much a part of my life in early 2012 that I suffered severe withdrawal symptoms afterwards! No, it's not perfect, there are great gaps where you, dear Past Pupil, didn't send us anything! There were articles we had to shorten, photos we had to leave out. But I want to thank all of you, the wonderful committee, the terrific graphic artist, Niamh Power, all of you who bought the book and kept us solvent and those of you who sent us such wonderful feedback. Until next time!

Valerie Cox (Fitzpatrick)
Class of 1969



PPU Golf Society Report



The 2012 outing was held in Edmundstown Golf Club on September 13th. Once again there was a good turnout with 32 playing. We would like to thank Eadaoin Maher who sponsored the prizes again last year. The Society AGM was held after the dinner and Bernie Feeney (Lacy) was elected the new Lady Captain for 2013.

Congratulations to the following winners:

1st Place	Grace Redmond	Longest Drive	Aoife Nash
2nd Place	Orla Byrne Kelly	Nearest Pin	Mairead Lynch
3rd Place	Mairead Lynch	Back Nine	Mary Casey
4th Place	Annette Burke	Front Nine	Joan McDonald

This year's outing will take place on the **12th of September** in **Edmundstown Golf Club**. If you are interested in playing contact Susan Fitzgerald by Email at susanfitz1@gmail.com and she will contact you nearer the date when the timesheet is available. Also, if you would like to bring a guest or if you don't play golf but would like to join your friends at the dinner, contact Susan.

We would like to thank the Golf Society committee who run this event every year.

Combined Dominican Unions' Golf Society



Congratulations to the CDU Golf Society who celebrate their 50th Anniversary in 2013 with Joan Boucher Hayes as Lady Captain. This year's outing is on **Monday 8th July** in **Naas Golf Club**. Time Sheet 12-2.30pm. Book with Mary Ryan on 087-678 9078

You may not be aware that it was Joan Priestman (nee Horne) a past pupil of Muckross and Wicklow, who had the idea of forming a golf society for Dominican girls as she was mad jealous of her Loreto friends who had their school society.

Past pupils from all the Dominican schools take part each year and the school with the best three scores wins the trophy for their school. The trophy, which was presented by Waterford Glass, stands on a mahogany plinth with silver plates on all sides on which is engraved the names of the winning schools and the years.

The last time Muckross won this competition was 1993 so let's get a good Muckross team out there for 2013.

WIN a fabulous selection of Danish design 'Lene Bjerre' Kitchen Ware Value €135 in the Muckross PPU Raffle from The Elms in PuncHESTOWN.

VIP Trip to Kildare Village

We are planning a shopping trip to Kildare Village for Muckross past pupils. The trip includes complimentary transfers from Dublin, meet and greet on arrival, glass of bubbly, exclusive access to the VIP Lounge throughout the stay and a VIP discount card.

A date for the trip has not yet been set but we will announce the final details as soon as possible on our website www.muckrossparkppu.com and on our Facebook page. A maximum of 50 places will be available on a first come basis. If you don't have access to the internet contact Gay Rodgers at 087 638 3683 for information.

PPU MONTHLY MASS

The monthly PPU Mass (see Forthcoming Events for times and dates) is not restricted to past pupils as some of you may think; bring along your husband, children, boyfriend, anyone! Mass in the chapel is followed by tea/coffee and biscuits in the convent and hopefully some news and gossip.

The Mass on the **1st Sunday in November** is dedicated to all deceased past pupils. If there is anyone whose name you would like to be read out do let us know. Please do not blame the committee if a name is omitted - we don't know unless we are advised.

The **Combined Dominican Schools Unions' Mass** will take place in Muckross Park on **Sunday 6th October 2013 at 11.15am**. If you have friends who went to Ballyfermot, Cabra, Dun Laoghaire, Eccles Street & Griffith Ave, Falls Road, Fortwilliam, Portstewart, Santa Sabina, Sion Hill, Taylor's Hill or Wicklow or any other Dominican school tell them about it and bring them along too. We were delighted to see so many Dominican past pupils at the 2012 Mass and look forward to welcoming you all again in 2013.



CENTENARY DAY



President Beatrice Doran with Principal Caroline Lundy planting a willow tree beside the hockey pitch.



School Choir performing at the PPU Centenary Day.

The Centenary Open Day on 7th October 2012 was a huge success and not just because we had a sunny day. Following the annual Mass for the Combined Dominican Unions, a large gathering of past pupils, including one Muckross 'old boy' Patrick McCartan, adjourned to the lawn in front of the convent where a willow tree was planted by Beatrice Doran, President of the Past Pupils' Union, to commemorate our centenary. Later in the day Beatrice also planted another willow tree in the school grounds.



Emer Halpenny at her Drama School stand.

The Showcase included 26 stands where past pupils promoted their businesses and crafts in the School Gym. We hope you will support our past pupils if you are interested in any of the goods



Elaine Cogavin, Philo Butler and Celine Foley Devoy enjoying Centenary Day.

or services displayed on the day and we have included all their contact details in this issue.

The refreshment stand was very popular and committee members Claire Johns, Mary Buckley and Liz Smyth were kept very busy. We would like to thank Donnybrook Fair, Kielys, and Tescos in Donnybrook, Straney's of Blackrock and Bewley's Coffee for their sponsorship.

The present pupils were also very involved and we really appreciated that they gave up their Sunday; the school orchestra and choir entertained all and the girls of the Hospitality Committee guided tours around the school. The Muckross spirit is alive and well!

Everyone enjoyed the trip down memory lane with the super display of School Memorabilia in the library which school archivist Deirdre MacMathuna had assembled. This was definitely a big hit.



Deirdre MacMathuna, the School Archivist, viewing the school memorabilia display with Anne Marie Mee and Gareth McArdle.



The School Orchestra performing on Centenary Day.



**Anne Brady of
Anne Brady McQuillans DFK Accountants.**



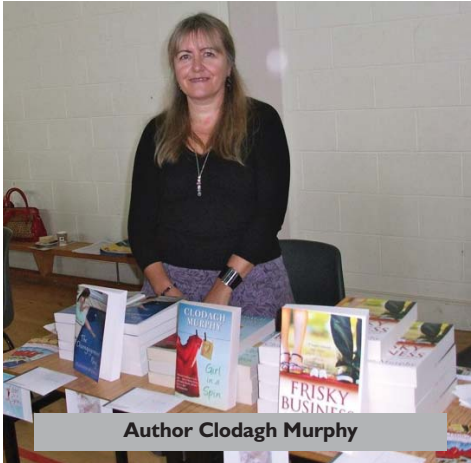
**Linda Rigney & helpers of
My Cake's your Cake.**



**Eva Doherty & husband Brian of
Hot House Ireland.**

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Barbara Manahan who runs German language & activity courses in the Austrian Alps



Rachael Quinn Ceramics



Nuala Redmond of Churchtown Hearing Centre



Emily-Jane Homan distributes sportswear from the USA



Carolanne Daly of www.bagsyourbag.ie



Angela Redmond runs clothes parties for women



Aoife McFadden Solicitor



Your comments on the CENTENARY DAY via Facebook & Email

I was at the Muckross Park Centenary Open Day and it was like I was back at school again, walking up that long driveway, the big old house in the distance with the white railings and concrete steps. A new school in the back field but the atmosphere hasn't changed. In the library archival footage and photos of my days at school, thirty years ago! And they still remember me! So many familiar faces and old friends. The best was Sr Brenda Mary who was my first teacher at the age of seven. She still has that big smile and plump cheeks. She reminded me of the 'news' we used to write every morning; that one morning I wrote that my grandmother in Co. Clare had died and I was 'mummy' in the house until my mother came back from the funeral. I don't even remember that but I do remember Sr Brenda Mary with her flowing white habit and long veil and taking such a delight in every child. I also remember the convent, white and shining with polished floors, the smell of beeswax and the beautiful tiny chapel which is still there. I like to think of those Dominican sisters praying quietly in that quiet zone, thinking of us all over the years.

Yvonne Flanagan

Thanks so much for organising a great day. Very impressed with the new school. Lovely to see so many past pupils. Photos in the library were great for reeling in the years.

Sandra Robinson

Thank you for organising such a great day. I was so proud to bring my daughter to my old school. Such wonderful memories of an excellent school. **Teri Dillon**

What a fantastic day, really enjoyed it. New school is something else – oh to be back there!

Gwen McDonnell

Thank you for a great day. It was lovely to catch up with friends and of course the sisters. Well done to the organising committee on a great day, the School looks fantastic.

Maria Cryan Fahy

Had a fabulous day, the committee and present pupils pulled out all the stops.

Celine Devoy

Well done, well organised & even the weather was on your side!

Zara Rhatigan

What a wonderful day we all had, we so enjoyed it. Thanks to all concerned we had such a great visit (all 3 generations of Cryans) and the school is as special as ever. **THANK YOU. Grainne Cryan Springael**



Past pupils at the planting of the new willow tree in front of the convent.



Deirdre McCann (Sherry) right, receiving her prize of a subscription to Irish Garden magazine from Beatrice Doran at the Centenary Dinner.



Terry Richardson (O'Connor), Marian Haire (Walsh) from Sydney, Ann Whealans (Finlay), Valerie Timon and Margaret O'Doherty (O'Flynn) at the Centenary Dinner.



PPU Presidents at the Dinner
Jenny Keating, Sion Hill; Ann Killeen, Eccles Street;
Beatrice Doran, Muckross and Rita Finan, Dun Laoghaire.



Caroline Lundy, School Principal, during her speech
with Beatrice Doran, left and
Prioress, Sr Caitriona, in the foreground.

Your comments on the CENTENARY BOOK via Facebook & Email

Congratulations to all those involved in the production of this wonderful book. It really is great and you must be really proud of it. I have given a few copies to family and friends and they love it. Take a bow!!

Aline Molony.

Thank you for the lovely book you put together. I just got it yesterday and it kept me up! Great to read all about everyone and I really loved the design and layout. **Monica Kelly**

My book arrived safely thank you so much. I have spent the weekend reading it from cover to cover – an absolutely fantastic read, such fabulous memories came flooding back!

Caroline Ashley (Kelly)

My copy (sorry, copies!) FINALLY made it to Vancouver. Beautiful production — thank you all for a lovely book and warm memories. Congratulations to everyone involved in putting it together. I will treasure it. The section on the Musical & Dramatic Society is a valuable history and who knows, maybe it will inspire some of the younger PPs to resurrect it. Wouldn't that be nice. **Mary Monks Hatch**

My father has just sent me the Muckross "Century of Memories" and I couldn't put it down. I left in 1976 and my sister Sheila left a few years later. Many thanks – a fabulous book. **Helen Markey**



June Stapleton (Furminger) on the left,
who attended Muckross in the 1930s
with Committee Member, Ann Harper,
at the Centenary Dinner.



Some of the 275 past pupils at the Centenary Dinner.



On The Santa Party

Santa with Jack Springael and his sister Maia and friend Catherine.



I would like to thank the PPU committee members and Mr Maloney for what was, as always, a very enjoyable Santa Party. It is always a lovely occasion and very much a treat for me as a parent as well as for my daughter. A lot of work and time must be put in to make it happen each year and a sincere thank you for that.

Susanna Braswell

Just a quick mail to say thanks so much for the Santa morning. My two really enjoyed it and it was lovely to catch up with a few old class mates too!

Eleanor Chambers

Rachel was thrilled beyond belief to have won the colouring competition (as before the party she mentioned she wanted to win & I was trying to gently persuade her that there might be serious competition from other entrants)....so, relief all round – thank you.

Jacki Parker



Rachel Parker and Harry Whelan, winners of the colouring competition.



Dan Maloney and Sr. Barnabas at the Santa Party.

Thanks to our Book Sellers
We would like to thank the following retailers who very generously sold our Centenary book in their shops on our behalf.

- Hampton Books, Donnybrook
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- The Rise Newsagent, Mt. Merrion
- Lynams, Goatstown



Anne Marie Mee, Vice-Principal, collecting her raffle prize from Beatrice Doran at the Centenary Dinner.

2012 RAFFLE RESULTS

The Raffle took place at the Centenary Dinner on 27th April 2012 in the Stillorgan Park Hotel. Congratulations to the following winners:

- 1st Prize: Two night BB+1D Midweek Break for 2 in any of the Brennan Group Hotels
Winner: Jacki Parker (McKenna)
- 2nd Prize: Two night BB+1D Midweek Break for 2 in Grand Hotel, Wicklow.
Winner: Karl O'Brien
- 3rd Prize: Car Service to the value of €139 from Windsor Motors
Winner: Sr Manus
- 4th Prize: Family ticket for Dublin Zoo
Winner: Anne Marie Mee
- 5th Prize: Two tickets for the Irish 2000 Guineas at the Curragh
Winner: Barbara McHenry
- 6th Prize: One Year's Subscription to *The Irish Garden* magazine
Winner: Deirdre McCann (Sherry)
- 7th Prize: Dinner for two at Purple Sage Restaurant in Stillorgan Park Hotel
Winner: James Walsh
- 8th Prize: Voucher for the National Concert Hall
Winner: Maria McAnaney
- 9th Prize: Family ticket to Wicklow Gaol (including lunch)
Winner: Pdraig Walsh
- 10th Prize: A Babog Irish-speaking Bear
Winner: Colette McDonnell (McEvoy)

Sincere thanks to our sponsors for their generosity in supplying the above prizes.



ANNUAL DINNER – BOOKING FORM

Friday 19th April 2013, Stillorgan Park Hotel, 7.30pm • Tickets: PPU Members €40 & Non Members €45
EARLY BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL - TELEPHONE BOOKINGS WILL NOT BE TAKEN

I wish to book _____ places, and enclose cheque for €_____ (payable to Muckross PPU).
Please supply names of all those attending on a separate page indicating anniversary year if applicable. Large groups will be accommodated at adjoining tables. • Please indicate any special dietary requirements

First Name: Surname:

Year Left: Maiden Name:

Address:

Tel No.: Email:

please print clearly

Bookings must be received **not later than Friday 12th April** and should be sent to:
Muckross Park PPU, c/o Helena O'Dowd, 18 Boden Wood, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14.

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I wish to join the PPU / renew my membership (*delete as appropriate*). Please complete the Standing Order below
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Year Left: Tel. No.: Mobile:

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please print clearly

Occupation: Have you any professional or other skills to offer to the PPU?

**Annual Membership Fee: €15 or Seniors (over 60s) €10 • From non euro zone area please send equivalent amount in your currency.
If you prefer not to pay by Standing Order please send a cheque (payable to Muckross PPU) to the address shown below.**

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