



Welcome to our fourth Killawalla Email Newsletter

In this newsletter, we hope to update you on some of the things that have been happening in Killawalla and the surrounding areas since our last newsletter.

Seeing that we are in the summertime – even though Ireland hasn't had much summer weather so far, we think of holidays, people coming and going from near and far, visiting family, friends and places.

### Killawalla Ladies Group

The Killawalla Ladies Group continues to be successful. They have had several talks and projects since September. Their most recent one was "Gentle Yoga" classes that were very popular. The group will disband during the summer and will restart in September.



### Killawalla Website

Killawalla website has been reworked and continues to be updated on a regular basis. It features many interesting histories as well as the weekly Killawalla parish newsletter and minutes of the Community Council meetings. The website is created and maintained by Michael Tracey. He also has his own website at [www.michaeltracey.net](http://www.michaeltracey.net). The address for the Killawalla site is [www.killawallaonline.com](http://www.killawallaonline.com)

### Killawalla Community Council

The local community responded very well in nominating new members to serve for 3 years as Killawalla Community Council.

Officers are as follows:

Ann McHale – Chairperson

Mary Conway- Secretary

Kevin Towey – Treasurer

Other members include: Martin Gibbons, Peter Jordan, Bridget Malone Skolemestra, Eddie Heneghan, John Burke, Phil Higgins

Some of the projects earmarked for the next 3 years include:

- Rebuild wall at crossroads by Ray Duffys
- New fence –Kinuary Rd
- Ungrade Kiltharsechaune Rd.
- Trim trees Gortbaun/Killadeer
- Maintain flower beds
- Improve Cullintra junction
- Traffic passing area on Kinuary Rd.
- Ongoing village enhancement
- Cleaning water tables
- Continuation of lotto
- Many other projects included

Community Council meeting minutes are available on our website.



Let's hear from you! Send us your story, your experiences, your thoughts. We would like to include your thoughts in our next newsletter.

## **Killawalla Youtube Channel**

Killawalla now has its own Youtube Channel. On it, you will find short videos of sights and sounds around Killawalla. Such videos include dash cam videos around the area, threshing, silage making, Killawalla lake etc. Take a few minutes to view them. To access, just go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and type in "Killawalla" in the search box.

## **Emigrants on Irish Times**

The Irish Times website ([www.irishtimes.com](http://www.irishtimes.com)) includes columns and stories of Irish emigrants who share their experiences and adjustments. You might like to check them out.



Congratulations to Shauna Heneghan and Kian Conroy who received their First Holy Communion in Killawalla on Sunday, May 31, 2015



KILLAWALLA YOUTUBE

## **DRUMMINROE FAMINE GRAVES**

Recently, some locals discovered a famine graveyard at Drumminroe on the Westport-Galway road near the "Goat Hotel" area. Representation will be made to Mayo County Council for help in not only identifying it but also marking it as a sacred burial ground.

According to a survey done by Maynooth College on the impact of the Great Famine, it is noted that Killawalla lost the highest percentage in Ireland of its population to the famine.

*'The dreadful reality is beyond yea or nay in this county. From one end to the other the weal has gone forth that the rot is increasing with fearful rapidity. We regret to say no description of potatoes have escaped. One thing is certain, the staple food of the people is gone: and the Government cannot too soon exert themselves to make provision to provide against certain famine' – Connaught Telegraph 1845*

## Irish Quotables

I was born on a storm-swept rock and hate the soft growth of sun-baked lands where there is no frost in men's bones. *Liam O'Flaherty*

Never wrestle with pigs. You both get dirty and the pig likes it. *George Bernard Shaw*

Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account. *Oscar Wilde*

I can't think of a case where poems changed the world, but what they do is they change people's understanding of what's going on in the world. *Seamus Heaney*

I have been blessed with friends who do things rather than buy things: friends who will change books at the library, take a bag of your old clothes to a thrift store, bring you cuttings and plant them in a window box, fill the bird feeder in your garden when you can't get out. What do I do for friends? Not enough, but I can help them write difficult letters because I know writing should always be shorter rather than longer and clearer rather than more complicated. I make lists of good DVDs to rent so they will not be perplexed at the store. I take great pictures of them at happy times and send them copies, and I show them how to construct a family tree, which they always end up loving. Never mind the money, the gifts of time and skill call into being the richest marketplace in the world. *Maeve Binchy*

There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met. *William Butler Yeats*

Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. *Thomas Moore*



RECOGNIZE THIS VIEW?



RECOGNIZE ANYONE?





DONKEY AND CART DAYS

### WHAT IS AN IRISHMAN

AN IRISHMAN IS A MAN WHO?

MAY NOT BELIEVE THERE IS A GOD,  
BUT IS DARN SURE OF THE INFALLIBILITY  
OF THE POPE....

WON'T EAT MEAT ON FRIDAY,  
BUT WILL DRINK JAMESON FOR  
BREAKFAST.....

HAS GREAT RESPECT FOR THE TRUTH,  
HE USES IN EMERGENCIES...

SEES THINGS NOT AS THEY ARE  
BUT THE WAY THEY NEVER WILL BE.....

CRIES AT SAD MOVIES,  
BUT CHEERS IN BATTLE....

HATES THE ENGLISH,  
BUT RESERVES HIS CRUELTY FOR  
COUNTRYMAN....

GETS MORE IRISH THE FURTHER HE GETS  
FROM IRELAND.....

BELIEVES IN CIVIL RIGHTS,  
BUT NOT IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD...  
BELIEVES TO FORGIVE IS DIVINE,  
THEREFORE DOESN'T EXERCISE IT  
HIMSELF....

### KILLAWALLA DEATHS

Happily, we had no deaths in the Killawalla area to report on since our last newsletter.



Tell us about yourself: what you are doing; how you are doing; what you miss; whom are your family/relatives; what you are working at; what are your experiences, Pictures are welcome also. Don't forget to send them to us at this [email](#) address. Thank you!

### Irish Blessing

You've blessed me with friends and laughter and fun  
With rain that's as soft as the light from the sun-  
You've blessed me with the stars to brighten each night  
You've given me help to know wrong from right  
You've given me so much please, Lord give me too  
A heart that is always grateful to you.