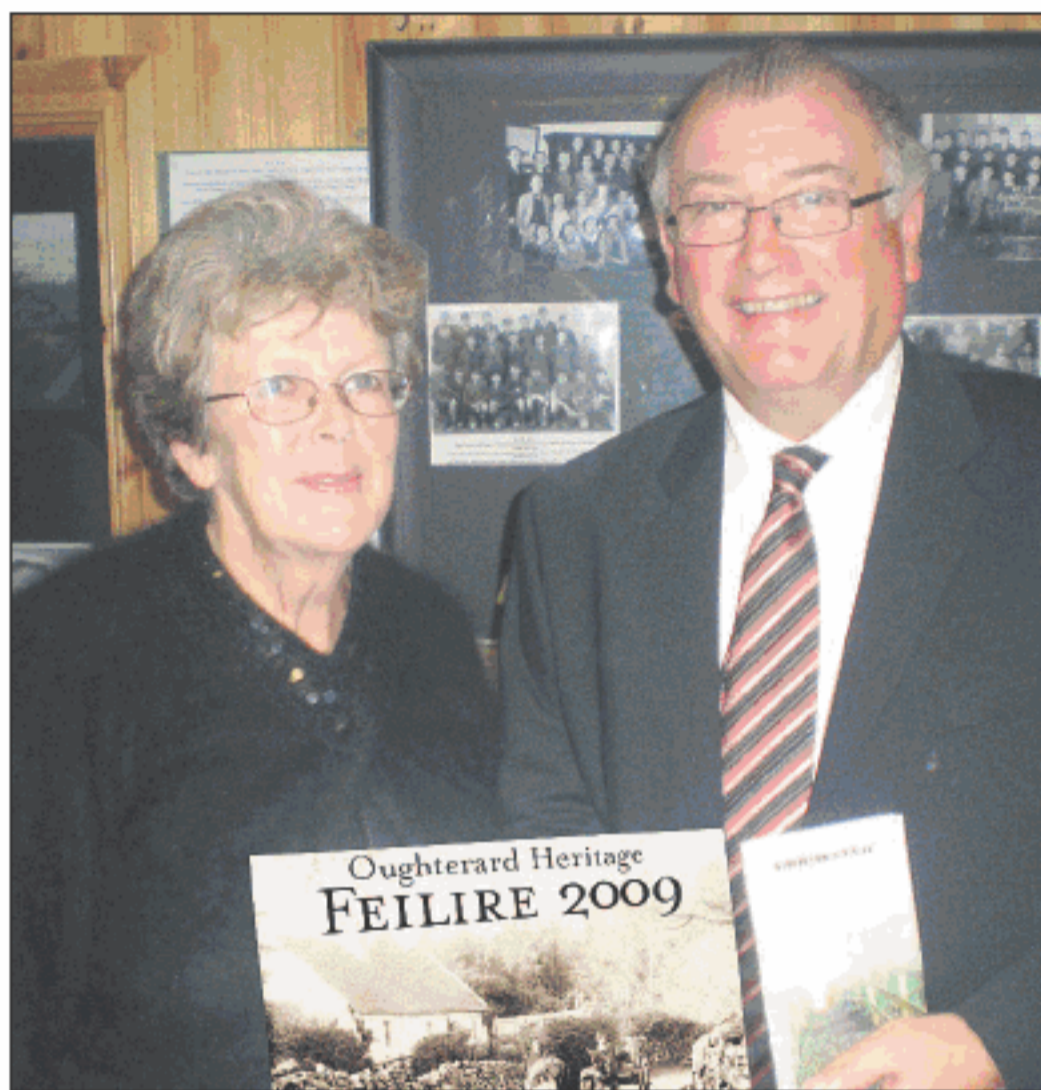


OUGHTERARD HERITAGE CALENDAR LAUNCH



Mary Kyne, Chairperson of the Oughterard Culture & Heritage Group, with Joe McDonagh, Chief Executive of Co Galway VEC, after he launched the group's 2009 calendar.



Christy Butler and Eamon King (seated) enjoyed the slideshow of old photographs, as did Tresa Tuck, Elizabeth and Ann-Marie King, and Margaret Goggins at the calendar launch.



Bernie O'Neill and Deirdre Forde at the launch of the new Oughterard Heritage calendar.



Pat McGrath, David Collins, guest of honour Joe McDonagh and chairperson Mary Kyne at the launch of the Oughterard Heritage Calendar.

Hurling legend launches Heritage Calendar

FORMER Galway hurling star and long-serving chief executive of Co Galway VEC Joe McDonagh was the guest of honour at the launch of the Oughterard Heritage Calendar last Friday evening at the local VEC Centre.

This was the second calendar published by the Oughterard Culture and Heritage Group, and there was strong acknowledgement of the support provided for the project by the local VEC through Sean

McLoughlin and of the facilities made available by Pat Bergin of FAS.

Joe McDonagh in his speech emphasized the VEC's commitment in making education in its widest sense, available to all where possible, and felt that the group's activities were not only a positive addition to the village but would help encourage the local community to gain knowledge of the village's history.

The Group's permanent exhibition will also help create a

welcoming and informative atmosphere as local folk avail themselves of the opportunities to acquire skills in this important facility, he said.

The local community turned out in force to celebrate the publication and to enjoy the exhibition and slideshow of images from times past.

And many fond memories were shared and gratitude was expressed for their support and that of the local business community



Christina O'Malley with Astrid Ehemann and Roisin Collins who were in charge of sales at the launch of the Oughterard Culture & Heritage Group's 2009 calendar.