

Oughterard Heritage FEILIRE 2021



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Thank You to all Businesses that kept us going during Covid Lockdown in early part of the year.

Front Cover: Drehidanookera Bridge in the townland of Shanakeela off the N59 near Recess. It is one of the oldest bridges in Connemara. The bridge forms part of an old road that runs along the south face of Teernakill, overlooking Oorid Lough. The bridge is a wind blasted arch with much of its fabric weathered away but the arch and abutments stoutly defy time and are still capable of carrying a tractor or a herd of beasts. This road would have gone out of use c.1830 when the famous Scottish engineer Alexander Nimmo, re-routed the main road through the Central Conamara Valley along his 'New Centre Line'. Image Courtesy: Antoinette Lydon



Stephen Gannon and his grandson Steve Clarke, Stephen Kinneavy (son of Marcella & grandson of Stephen Gannon), Marcella Kathleen & Bill Gannon, Camp Street.

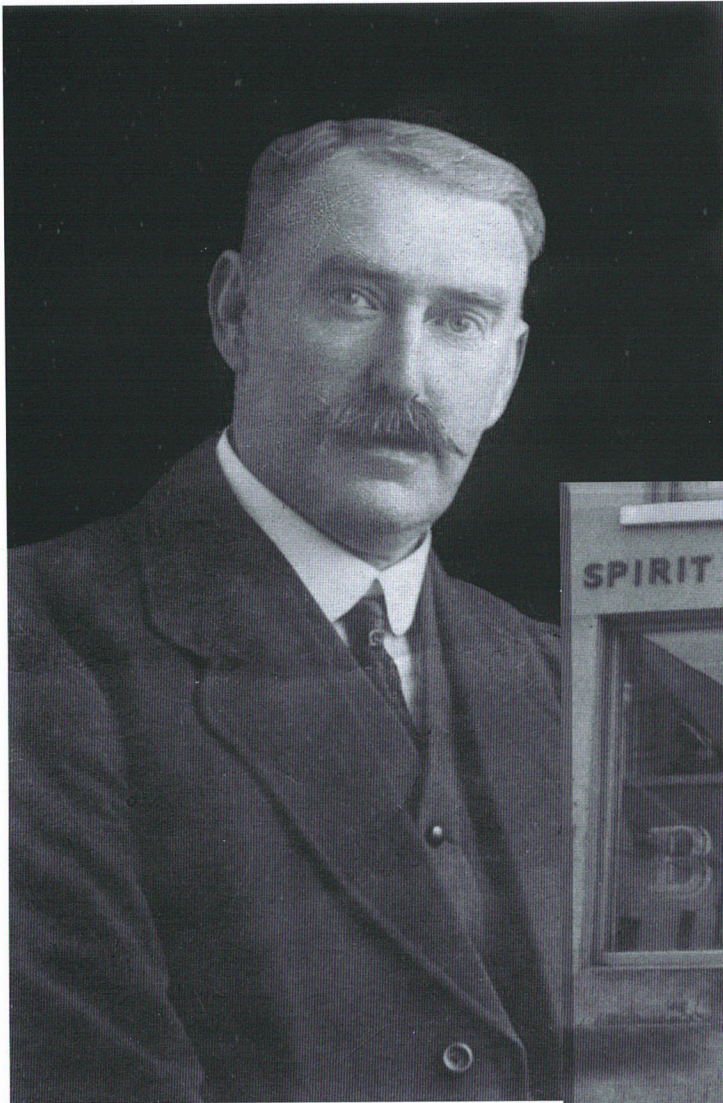


MALONEY SCHOOL OF DANCING - **Back row:** Regina O'Toole, Catherine Faherty, Catriona Finnerty, Sandra O'Connor, Freddie O'Connor, Sheila Curstin, Deirdre Curstin, Florence Joyce, Stephanie O'Malley. **Front Row:** Joan O'Halloran, Kathleen McDonagh, Michelle O'Toole, Brenda Tierney, Rosemary Walsh, Audrey Gibney, Noreen Curstin. **Teacher:** Marian Maloney



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During the Covid Lockdown this year, the Heritage Group received an email from Niagara Falls Canada looking for information on his grandfather's family, what started as a few lines has brought members of the Faherty clan together.

P. J. Faherty Oughterard, Michael Faherty Calgary, Padraig Faherty & cousins outside Faherty's Bar Kilkeel Co. Down,
Thomas Faherty & his wife Mary Cunningham, Kilkeel, Co. Down.



Pat Halloran, Mick Walsh, Roger Finnerty & Patch Donnellan enjoying a day on the lake

HE KEPT OUGHTERARD'S NAME TO THE FORE IN BOSTON

FOR the second week in succession Oughterard finds a place in this column's "lead" story. On this occasion its representative is Mr. Michael Darcy, a man who prior to his leaving for the U.S. in the early 1920's helped the West Galway town to victory in two (1919 and '21) junior county football championships, not to mention that later on the other side of the Atlantic he kept the Oughterard name for turning out good footballers on a very high level.

Proof of the latter statement, is to be found in a Massachusetts championship medal won with the Boston Galway team in 1931 and a runners-up medal gained with the

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same team in 1929. Another title medal which Mr. Darcy holds is that won with the Boston Inisfail Club in 1924—a club to which, incidentally, Mr. Darcy gave long and valuable service.

Accompanying Mr. Darcy, when he disembarked from the A.O.A. "Flagship Denmark" here last Wednesday were his wife, formerly Miss Kathleen Lee; their eight year old son, Francis, and his sister-in-law, Miss Mary Lee.

It is Mr. Darcy's first visit in 21 years, while it is his wife's second vacation since she emigrated in 1929, and her sister's first in 10 years. Probably the most excited of the party, however, was little Francis, who, to use the vernacular, was "all out" for his first holiday in the West in a "Wild West" outfit.

At Shannon to extend a "cead míle fáilte" to the Darcy party were Mr. Darcy's sisters, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Faherty and Mrs. Darcy; uncle, Rev. Bro. Michael (Darcy), The Monastery, Annaghdown, and Mrs. Darcy's mother, Mrs. Lee, Esker, and sister, Miss Freddie Lee. Another to welcome the party was Mr. Dinny O'Sullivan, of Oughterard. Mr. O'Sullivan, who for many years held his place on both Connacht and Galway football selections, met Mr. Darcy in Boston in 1934 and '39 when, after help-Galway to All-Ireland victories, he toured the U.S. with the champions



The Galway Junior Championship medal that John Joe D'Arcy won as the captain of the 1919 Oughterard Junior Football team. John Joe moved to Boston and was involved with the Boston Innisfail Club. The article is from The Connacht Tribune 1950.

Many Thanks to Gerry D'Arcy for this wonderful piece of history.



Inchagoill 1960's

Mick Joyce Glann, Mike Conneely Waterfield, Jimmy Canavan, Mattie Mons, Visiting Jesuit Priest, Pete Tierney



Boxing Club late 1970's

Kevin Welby, Patrick McQuinn, Mike Noone, Johnny Connor (Trainer) Eamon Walsh Harry Walsh, Robert Welby, Séan Walsh, Dessie Walsh & David Walsh



GAA Team 1999

Back Row: Brian Healy, Eoin D'Arcy, Liam Tierney. Mark McGauley, Eanáan Ferriter, Niall Tierney, Gerry D'Arcy, Noel Tierney, Kevin Clancy, David Byrne, Michael Kelly, Padraic Lydon, Stephen Keane.

Front Row: Bobby Curran, Terence Healy, Daniel Tuck, Gavin Conneely, Jason Healy, Matthew Clancy, Joe Gibbons, Eoin Curran, Gearoid Clancy, P.J. McGauley



A Cairn on the top of the Cloosh Hills overlooking the village of Oughterard. A Cairn is essentially a man-made pile of stones.

Hilltop Cairns may have been used over a long period of time from the Neolithic to the early Bronze Age (4000-2000BC).

They may have been used for a variety of purposes, including Burial Mounds, Ceremonial Centres or Land Markers.

Cist graves have been found within some excavated Cairns. A Cist is a box-like structure of stone slabs in which inhumed or cremated burials were placed.

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Camp Street 1947
Image Courtesy Of: Padraig Faherty



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St. Patrick's Rock keeps an ever watchful eye over Oughterard and Lough Corrib, like a great giant defying time. This large boulder may have been deposited here at the end of the last Ice Age over 14,000 years ago and then dragged upwards to its current lofty position. It would have been a significant place of reverence and celebration in the Pre-historic period and this would have continued into our current Christian era.

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