

Major Events in Ballydonoghue Parish Life

(1871-2013)

- 1871 : St Eltin's National School established in Lisselton in June for boys and girls.
- 1873 : Tullamore National School opened in Dec.
- 1874 : Dromerin National School founded in May, with Pat Sheehy as first teacher.
- 1874 : Landowner Herenc died heirless, and Sam Hussey bought Ballydonoghue.
- 1874 : Boland's house built in Farnastack, with loft which was to be used for the first indoor dances in the county.
- 1878 : Court case disputed Sam Hussey's right in buying Ballydonoghue and other areas.
- 1878 : Intermediate Education Act put an end to hedge schools, but no Irish taught.
- 1878 : Lisselton National School was built.
- 1879 : Tenants lost appeal against Sam Hussey and were in debt. Fr Mortimer O' Connor of Ballybunion went to America later to raise funds for their situation.
- 1879 : Michael Collins (Mickey Cullins) born in Lyre. He was to fight in two wars.
- 1879 : Author Maurice Walsh born at Ballydonoghue.
- 1879 : St Michael's College, Listowel, established and became the alma mater for Ballydonoghue Parish students.
- 1879 : Very wet weather led to an outbreak of fluke resulting in the death of a huge amount of cattle.
- 1880 : Three people were evicted in Coolbeha during the land agitation.
- 1880 : Jeremiah Breen, the blind fiddler of Ballyconry, one of the most accomplished fiddlers of the late 19th century, was at his peak in these years.
- 1880 : Railway came to Listowel.
- 1880s : Tullamore Post Office opened.
- 1880 : Creamery built on site of hedge school in Coolard.
- 1880 : 'The Moybella Outrage' occurred. This incident was associated with agrarian unrest stemming from the eviction of a man called McNamara. His house was taken over by a new owner, but a band of men attacked the house at night and beat the occupants severely.
- 1881 : Sam Hussey sold Ballydonoghue and other estates to John G Hewson.
- 1881 : The first of a series of land acts facilitated people in the parish to get a reduction in rent.
- 1881 : Emigrants from the parish would pay £1 – 1 shilling – 4 pence to travel one way from Cork to London.
- 1882 : At Gunsboro petty sessions 8 men and 4 women were sentenced to one month hard labour under the Crimes' Act. Two youths were sentenced to 7 days in gaol with bread and water for "practising hop, skip and jump on a farm where a man had been evicted".
- 1883 : Husband of Ellen O'Keeffe of Lisselton, John Barry of Ballybunion, killed in Victoria, Australia.
- 1885 : Land act enables tenants to buy out landlords, eg. George Philip Gun-Mahony

sold Gunsboro's 3,464 acres for £37,000 which was equal to 15 years' rent, and Herbert sold Urlee to Kissanes. These were among the last landlords in the parish.

1886 : Edward Kissane, later to become Monsignor, born in Killomeroe.

1886 : Johnny Rice inherited Ballyloughran from his grandfather, John Rice.

1886 : James McMahon bought Croughweesha from Fanny, daughter of John Rice of Ballyloughran.

1887 : 65 children baptised in Ballydonoghue parish. (A hundred years later, in 1987, the number of baptisms had dropped to 19.)

1887 : One of the driest years on record in the area.

1888 : Lartigue Railway opened. A station built at Lisselton Cross (Lehanes) with Ned Stack in charge till 1898.

1888 : Robert Leslie Boland, of Farnastack, poet, born.

1888 : Ballyconry School upgraded with Eliza Stack and John Sheehy in charge.

1890s : George Hewson of Ennismore had first cream separator in North Kerry.

1890s : Recovery in farm prices and improvement in rural living conditions took place during this decade.

1891 : Half-pound of tea cost 1 shilling and sixpence at Tadhg Moriarty's shop in Lehanes (now Lisselton Cross).

1891 : Parish people heard Charles Stewart Parnell speak in Listowel. He was to die later that year.

1892 : A large number of people were charged at Gunsboro with being inebriated on Pattern Day, August 15th!

1892 : An election held. Gunsboro was the only voting place in the parish. Alcohol was not permitted to be sold on the day. Mr T Sexton, a late-entry Whig candidate, was the winner. 416 voted in Gunsborough out of 593.

1893 : First domestic wireless brought to parish and to Kerry by John Boland of Farnastack, costing £30-10s.

1893 : Local MP Thos Harrington of Ballyduff died.

1893 : 17 people drowned while crossing from Kilrush to Saleen Quay on the Shannon.

1895 : Nolan's public house opened in Lehanes (Lisselton Cross).

1896 : John Boland of Farnastack was a member of Listowel Board of Guardians. Organised the building of houses and bridges. Was also an inventor.

1897 : The Cashen River burst its banks and caused severe flooding.

1897 : Parish people may have been present when Percy French gave a concert in Listowel.

1897 : Rates for the area were decided in Listowel - 2s-2d for Lisselton, 2s-10d for Urlee, etc.

1897 : Creamery built by Richard Cantillon of Causeway in Lisselton. (There was already a creamery in Coolard.)

1897 : The Lartigue Railway transported over 1100 people to Ballybunion for the annual pattern day on August 15th. Some young girls dressed up without shawls.

1897 : The Duke and Duchess of York visited Listowel.

1897 : A lot of turf was reported to be still in bogs in October while hay and the harvest were poor due to bad weather. The Cashen burst its banks and there was 6 feet of water at Doonferris.

1897 : Patrick Galvin, an emigrant millionaire, returned to Listowel after goldmining in the Klondyke with “an immense nugget of gold” for his father.

1898 : Fr Mortimer O’Connor was parish priest in Ballybunion.

1898 : The cost of building a house in Ballingown was £47-10d.

1899 : John Collins of Ballydonoghue built a creamery after Cantillon’s closed. This was on the left of the road going from The Cross to the church, at the Store Height.

1900 : Temperence Hall built in the parish, and Tom Dillon taught Irish there.

1900 : Butter being taken by horse and cart to Cork from Lyons’s in Guhard to be sold.

1900 : Mick Collins of Lyre fought in Boer War in South Africa under Kitchener.

1901 : The first census whose details remain taken in the parish.

1901 : Landlord Hewson sold estate to tenants, due to financial issues.

1902 : Paddy Nolan’s house burned by Lartigue sparks. Later, Hartnett’s and Moriarty’s houses burned.

1903 : Ferry Bridge wooden structure replaced by metal structure at a cost of £3000.

1905 : Fr John Molyneaux was pp.

1905 : Fr Stephen Fuller became pp.

1906 : John Boland of Farnastack invented the Butterworker machine.

1907 : John Barry of Ballingown killed in South Africa.

1908 : Old age pensions introduced, but meetings in Lisselton expressed concern over eligibility issues, relating to people with outdoor relief.

1910 : Team from Ballydonoghue GAA played Newtownsandes in a challenge game in Ballydonoghue. A press report said the field was covered with thistles and long grass, and there were no cross-bars. It is one of the first times a Ballydonoghue team is mentioned.

1910 : Marconi Company built a radio transmitting station in Ballybunion.

1910 : Halley’s Comet seen in the parish. It wouldn’t be seen again till 1986.

1910 : A bag of flour cost 16 shillings in the local shop (approx 1 euro).

1911 : Census taken showing important statistics for the parish. Population of Kerry was 159, 691, of which 97.2% were Catholics. Over 86.5% of the population over 9 could read and write and a significant number of people could speak both English and Irish in the parish. (The census is now available online.)

1912 : Floods in the area destroyed hay and crops.

1913 : Ballydonoghue GAA had two players on the Kerry team, Tom O’Carroll and Jack Moriarty.

1914 : Herbert Horatio Kitchener’s face used in his recruitment posters for the British army at the onset of World War 1.

1914 : On July 18th, Lisselton Post Office caught fire as the Lartigue train was parked at the station nearby. Mr Boland, JP, along with Constable Guerin, failed to enter the thatched living quarters but managed to remove the telegraphic plant, pension books etc from the post office side of the building.

1914 : John Boland of Farnastack was a member ok Kerry County Council.

1914 : A branch of the Irish Volunteers formed at Doon, Ballybunion in June.

1915 : Fr John Molyneaux was still pp.

1915 : Mick Collins of Lyre fought in Great War (World War 1), having already fought in the Boer War.

1915 : Candelabrum presented to Ballydonoghue church by Mrs Barry of Laheseragh to the memory of her son, John Barry. It was brought from Listowel by donkey and cart.

1915 : Private James Carr, son of James and Ellen Carr, Kilgarvan, killed in action in World War 1 in Gallipoli with New Zealand forces on May 13. He was 40 years old.

1916 : Earl Herbert Horatio Kitchener killed off the Orkneys on board a cruiser which was mined. He was on route to Russia and was a replacement for Lloyd George on that voyage.

1916 : Patrick Collins from Lyre was killed in France fighting for Australian Infantry on July 23. He was 34 years old.

1916 : Gunsboro beat Glouria in parish league in McElligott's Quarry Field.

1916 : Platform constructed at Gunn's Cross on David Gunn's land for dancing.

Thade Barry from Ballingown was first musician.

1916 : The O'Rahilly of Ballylongford, Patrick Shortis of Ballybunion and M Mulvihill of Lixnaw killed in the rising in Dublin on April 28th.

1917 : Patrick Kelly of Tullamore killed in Gallipoli in Turkey fighting for the Royal Munster Fusiliers on June 25th. He was 24 years old.

1917 : Wm Burke of Lisselton killed in Belgium in on Nov 10. He was fighting with the Royal Munster Fusiliers.

1917 : Mick Collins saved the life of Private Paddy Kennelly from Ballybunion during the World War I Battle of Messines in France in June, while both were fighting with the Royal Munster Fusiliers. Collins dragged Kennelly to safety across No Man's Land after the latter had been shot.

1917 : Capt Wm Gardiner McConnell killed in action in France on Oct 13. Was the son of John McConnell of Garryard House. He was 26 years old.

1917 : Model T Ford converted to "Boland's Charabang" by Jackie Boland in Farnastack and ferried people from and to many places.

1917 : Sir MI Keane from Barraduff appointed State Secretary to India by British government.

1917 : Volunteer Daniel Scanlon killed in Ballybunion.

1918 : Local Volunteers put on a show of strength in Listowel as Anglo-Irish war threatened.

1918: MI Dee of Carhoonaknock died of wounds received in France in World War I, a month before the war ended.

1918 : North Kerry Football League established. Jack Woulfe of Dromlought was one of the organizers.

1919 : Lisselton National School, under MI Dillon, got an "excellent" rating in inspectorate report.

1919-1921 : Mai Ahern of Coolard carries messages for local Flying Columns as Anglo-Irish War disrupts life.

1920 : The year began with the shooting of Constable Clark in Ballylongford, followed by the shooting of Volunteer John Heaphy (19) in the village in February.

1920 : On Sep 20th, Thos Kissane of Killomeroe took part in a raid on Monk's Bakery in Dublin with Kevin Barry, an 18 year old who was subsequently executed.

1920 : The Black and Tans in action around the parish.

1920 : Part of Gale Bridge blown up by a local flying column.

1920 : Thomas Leane from the parish killed in action in the war of independence.
1920 : Armed men raid Lartigue and take mail bags.
1920 : Barracks in Ballybunion attacked in March.
1920 : Fr Curtaigne, CC, Ballybunion threatened with death in May.
1920 : Col Hickey, a landowner in the Ballybunion district, moved his family out of the area as "it was no longer safe to live in".
1920 : Royal Irish Constabulary mutiny occurred in Listowel in June.
1920 : Lixnaw creamery burned by Black and Tans in September.
1920 : Eddie Carmody shot in Ballylongford on November 22.
1921 : District Inspector Tobias O'Sullivan shot in Listowel on January 20th.
1921 : Paddy Walsh of Gunsboro killed at Gortaglanna by Black and Tans on May 12th, along with Patrick Dalton and Jeremiah Lyons. Also killed this year was Michael Galvin.
1921 : Dromlough Temperance Hall burned by Black and Tans.
1921 : Dromerin Bridge knocked by Black and Tans.
1921 : Local IRA men ambushed by Black and Tans in Dromerin.
1921 : Twenty houses burned in Ballybunion by Black and Tans as reprisal for attacks on RIC in Ballylongford and Ballybunion.
1921 : Raid by locals on February 24th on the Lartigue in Lisselton, when RIC men were boarding.
1921 : James Kennelly of Moybella, aged 65, shot dead by RIC on March 7th at his home "for failing to stop" following raid by volunteers on the Lartigue. At his funeral, men were questioned by Black and Tans at Ballydonoghue Church.
1921 : House-owners had to post the names and ages of residents on outside of doors, to enable inspection by Black and Tans.
1921 : Cumann na mBan set up in the parish, initially to claim bodies of dead volunteers.
1921 : Timmy O'Sullivan won NK league medal with Dromlough. The medal he won is the oldest NK medal still extant in 2013.
1922-1923 : Civil war caused disruption and split loyalties in the parish.
1922 : Patrick Foran of Lisselton was the first republican killed in the civil war, shot in action in Limerick.
1922 : Free State army landed in Tarbert in August and seized Ballylongford and Listowel from republicans.
1923 : Johnny Linnane, republican, killed in the civil war.
1923 : Mackessey's Bridge in Kilcox damaged.
1923 : Civil war ends in May, allowing stability to return to the parish.
1923 : Priests closed Boland's Loft in Farnastack because of dancing.
1924 : Lartigue Railway closed.
1925 : Tullamore Post Office closed.
1925 : Postman's salary was £5 per year.
1925 : Gunsboro courthouse closed.
1925 : North Kerry football board formed.
1925 : Dancehall built in Lisselton around this time.
1925 : Dancing platform at Gunn's Cross closed on the last night of October. It was briefly revived in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

1927 : Ballydonoghue GAA team won NK junior league by defeating Listowel in the final.

1927 : Shronowen wooden bridge collapsed, and was replaced by a metal one.

1927 : Liam de Brún started his career in Lisselton NS.

1928 : Bp. Patrick Joseph Keane of Sacramento, a native of Barraduff, died.

1928 : Parish people traveled outside the county for work, eg Harry Sullivan from Lacca worked on the Shannon Scheme in Ardnacrusha.

1930 : Canon MI Fuller, PP, had the church in Ballydonoghue rededicated to St. Therese of Liseaux, whose feast day is Oct 1st.

1930s : Crossroads dancing began at The Cross of the Wood.

1932 : Many people from Ballydonoghue Parish attend the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin. A parish flag created for the occasion was in the possession of Joe Foley of Lyre when he died in 2013.

1932 : “Blackcock’s Feather” by Maurice Walsh published, and sold 14,000 copies before the year was out.

1932 : Sir Michael Keane from Barraduff, brother of Bp Patrick Joseph Keane of Sacramento, became Governor of Assam, India.

1932 : PO transferred from Moriarty’s across road to Gilbert’s (formerly Daughton’s) at Lehanes (Lisselton Cross).

1934 : Robert Leslie Boland of Farnastack composing poems.

1934 : Short story “The Quiet Man” published by Maurice Walsh, in a collection called “The Green Rushes”, based on Paddy Bawn Enright, a worker at Walsh’s.

1934 : Photo of Brown and Mageen, owners of the famous shop in Ballingown, appeared in The Kerryman, with Robert Leslie Boland’s famous poem “The Song of the Tryst”.

1935 : Local branch of the Pioneer Association founded in Dromlought Hall, with Canon Fuller as spiritual director.

1937 : Lisselton people watched the first “Flying Boat” as it headed from Newfoundland to Foynes.

1937 : Killing the pig was a regular feature of parish life, and Pat Nolan, Johnny Kissane, Jack Fitzmaurice, Moss Nolan and Dan Foley were pictured undertaking this tradition in this year.

1937 : Finucanes of Urlee bought one of the first radios to the parish, costing £17 at TC Moore’s in Ballybunion.

1937-38: The Schools’ Folklore Commission facilitated the collection of folklore in the parish schools, and the collection remains a vital link with the past culture of the past.

1939 : Tom Carroll built a hall in Lisselton on site of present PO (where Hegarty’s Hall subsequently stood) after returning from USA.

1940 : Jack Kelly of Coolkeragh in KCC.

1940 : Dromerin School renovated.

1940 : Motor cars restricted on roads of the parish due to scarcity of fuel in wartime. TVO oil used in paraffin lamps.

1940 : Ballydonoghue won NK junior league which was played in 1941.

1940s : Jerry Molyneaux, dancing teacher, coaches dancing in the parish.

1941 : Big demand for turf in the parish due to war.

1941 : Michael Dillon, Lisselton teacher, died. He was father of Nellie who would continue to teach in the school till the 1970s.

1941 : Mission held in parish and procession at conclusion flanked by local FCA troop.

1942 : Mons Edward Kissane of Killomeroe appointed president of Maynooth.

1942 : Paddy Finucane of Urlee first elected to Kerry Co Council.

1942 : Entrepreneurial spirit was exemplified in the parish when Patrick Hennessy, along with his brothers Thomas and James, began contracting work with a Garvie thresher, a Massey Harris binder and a Model T tractor.

1943 : Paddy Finucane first elected to Dáil with 6,957 votes, the first of 8 successes in general elections.

1943 : Workers from the parish were earning 7 shillings and 4 pence per day in Dromlough Bog on a government scheme.

1944 : Ration books in operation in the parish as food is scarce due to war.

1944 : Hennessys started taxi service in Lisselton and ferried many emigrants to Cobh.

1944 : John Ford bought rights to film "The Quiet Man".

1945 : Ballydonoghue won the senior NK championship for the first time.

1945 : Shannon Rangers win county championship with Mick Finucane, Gus Cremin, Denis "Black" Dowling, and Eddie Dowling involved.

1946 : Ballydonoghue church was re-roofed by Fr WJ Behan, PP, and new altar was sponsored by Mrs P Nolan, Ballydonoghue.

1946 : Garda Pat Long begins duty in Ballybunion and Lisselton.

1946 : Gus Cremins won All Ireland senior medal with Kerry in replay after captaining Kerry in drawn game. Mick Finucane and Eddie Dowling won Munster medals on the Kerry team with Gus earlier.

1946: Ballydonoghue won the senior NK championship for the second time.

1946-7: Very heavy rains affected harvest.

1947 : Eddie Dowling and Mick Finucane play in All Ireland football final in Polo Grounds with Kerry.

1947 : "Priceless Border", a dog bred by Jack (Rank) Enright of Dromerin, won the English Derby at Wembley.

1947 : Wind generator built on Boland's Loft in Farnastack, by Robert Leslie Boland, producing the first electricity in North Kerry.

1947 : Bad flooding in North Kerry.

1947 : Ballyconry won NK junior chp.

1947/8: Winter was the coldest in years following one of the wettest summers. Big cattle losses. A tragic event occurred at the Cashen during the cold spell when Dan O'Neill of Moybella fell through the ice on the river and was drowned. He had been duck-shooting with Tom Carroll (of Carroll's Hall and shop in Lisselton) and Jimmy Stack of Rathroe.

1948 : Tullamore Post Office re-opened.

1948 : The Hillside Players from Lisselton perform in Ballybunion.

1948 : Violet Nolan won "Dawn Beauty" contest.

1948 : Branch of Muintir na Tíre set up in the parish, with Pat Tarrant in the chair.

1948 : Ballydonoghue Camogie Club formed with Violet Nolan as chairperson and

Peggy Foley as president.

1948 : Station masses being held in houses in the parish.

1949 : Daniel Boland of Farnastack, brother of Robert Leslie Boland, received an MBE in Britain for his legal work during the war.

1949: Ballydonoghue won the senior NK championship for the third time.

1949 : Eddie Dowling and Mick Finucane won Railway Cup medals with Munster.

1949 : Robert Leslie Boland and District Justice Johnson exchange poetic addresses during a court case.

1950 : Holy Cross unveiled in snow on Cnoc an Fhómhair on Dec 3rd, organised by Ballydonoghue and Ballybunion Muintir na Tíre for the holy year.

1950 : Branch of ICMSA set up in Hegarty's Hall with John Foran, Coolard, presiding.

1950: Ballydonoghue won the senior NK championship for the fourth time.

1951 : Flooding over miles of countryside and some houses fell in Killoccrim area.

1951 : Cashen Drainage Scheme began, giving employment to many from the parish.

1950s : Electricity introduced to the parish.

1950s : Ancient wooden bridge discovered by archeologists 663 yards north of present Ferry Bridge.

1951 : Cashen Drainage scheme began.

1951 : The Hillside Players finishes its successful era.

1951 : Peggy Foley and Hanna Mai Kissane on Kerry camogie panel.

1951 : Mossie Nash of Ballydonoghue captained Listowel Vocational School to county chp and Jimmy Molyneaux also involved.

1951 : Death of Fr John Cantillon, son of Richard and Eileen, in USA.

1952 : "The Quiet Man" film , based on the short story by Maurice Walsh, first shown in cinemas.

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1952 : Ballydonoghue won NK senior championship for the fifth time by defeating Ballylongford in the final.

1952-1957 : Mick Purtill serves as member of KCC.

1953 : Local drama group performed "Wigs on the Green".

1954 : Lisselton and Dromerin grottos built by Muintir na Tíre.

1954 : Lisselton Theatre Society performed in 12 centres around North Kerry.

1954 : Maurice Walsh's novel, "Trouble in the Glen" released as a film in London.

1954 : Fr John Keane of Barraduff, died. He was professor of theology and scripture in Milltown, Dublin, as well as serving in other positions of scholarship. He was brother of Rev Patrick Keane, Bishop of Sacramento, Rev William Keane, PP, Valentia, and Sir Michael Keane, Lt Governor of Assam, India.

1954 : Fr Pádraig Scanlan, SPS, arrived in Nigeria as a missionary.

1955 : Robert Leslie Boland, poet, died.

1955 : Female turkeys cost 4s-6d per lb and cocks 3s-6d per lb.

1955 : Electricity turned on in Lacca for the first time in July.
1955 : Breen's field in Ballyconry used for playing football.
1956 : Gus Cremins refereed All Ireland minor final.
1956 : Jack Kissane, Killomeroe, won All Ireland medal with Galway
1956 : Willie Ross captained Listowel Vocational School to county football chp.
1956 : Mick Collins of Lyre, veteran of two wars, died.
1957 : Jimmy Molyneaux's garage opens in Lisselton.
1957 : The death took place of one of the parish characters, Michael "The Rábaire" Lynch of Killomeroe at the age of 89.
1959 : 49 pioneers from the parish attended rally in Croke Park.
1959 : Balydonoghue won NK senior championship for the sixth time by defeating Tarbert in the final.
1959 : Denzie Collins appointed parish clerk, the 4th member of the Collins family to do so since 1861.
1959 : Cashen Drainage Scheme was completed.
1959 : Lisselton people were going to dances in Asdee Hall. The Michael Jones Band played there often.
1960 : Parish of Ballydonoghue established as a separate parish from Ballybunion by Bp Moynihan. Parish priest was Fr T Kelliher.
After 1960 : Priests were Fr E Stack, PP; Fr D McElligott, CC; Fr JB Daly, CC; Fr Noel Moran, CC; Fr Mundy Stack, PP, Fr MI Stack, PP, Fr Martin Hegarty, PP and Fr John Lawlor, PP.
1960 : A dog licence cost 5 shillings in the parish.
1961 : The current Ferry Bridge built, with many parish people involved. It was dedicated to Seán Houlihan (killed by Black and Tans, 1920) and Paddy Walsh of Gunsboro (shot at Gortaglanna, 1921).
1961 : Ballydonoghue beaten in the NK senior championship final by Moyvane.
1961 : Storm causes havoc in parish . It was caused by Hurricane Debbie.
1962 : Television comes to the parish. Some people worried that it would mean the end of the tradition of rambling.
1962 : First silage harvester in North Kerry, probably by Jack Walsh of Moohane.
1960s : The Barra Road (upper road to Ballybunion) tarred for the first time.
1962 : Frost and snow on New Year's eve begins the coldest winter since 1740. Parish life disrupted for 3 months.
1962: Moss Joe Gilbert's field in Moybella commenced as the venue for matches and training by Ballydonoghue GAA and was used for approximately ten years.
1963 : Large numbers continue to emigrate from the parish to England and the USA.
1963 : The Jimmy Barrett Roadshow visited Lisselton for the last time.
1963 : The big freeze continues till St Patrick's Day, with an estimated 75% of native birds wiped out.
1963 : The last passenger train leaves Limerick for Tralee via Listowel, thereby ending the railway tradition in North Kerry. The last passenger to buy a ticket was Eileen Murphy who purchased her ticket in Kilmorna.
1963 : Hegarty's Hall was continuing its dancing with bands like Seán O'Donoghue and his Five Sisters in February. Admission was 5 shillings.
1963 : Ballydonoghue GAA Dramatic society presented a two act play, "Old

Acquaintance", in Lisselton Hall.

1963 : The George McFadden Road Show was visiting Ballybunion in the summer.

1963 : The Maureen Potter Show at 1 o'clock on Sundays was among the popular radio programmes listened to in the parish.

1964 : Maurice Walsh died.

1964 : Maria Bambury, daughter of Liam and Eileen of Farnastack, was a competitor in the California Rose of Tralee Ball in San Francisco.

1965 : Paddy Finucane elected to Dáil for the last time. Badly injured in accident that year.

1965 : Nellie Dillon retired from teaching in Lisselton School.

1965 : Fr Tim Gunn helped Blackburn win the Lancashire chp in gaelic football.

1966 : Fr Joseph Nolan of Farnastack appointed Prof of Theology at All Hallows College, Dublin.

1966 : Ballydonoghue won the Frank Sheehy Tournament by beating Finuge in the final.

1967 : Limerick Youth Services open in Ballyloughran.

1967 : Eamon Walsh of Tullamore elected to KCC.

1967 : Ballyconry School closed.

1968 : John Bunyan and Tony Flavin won Munster junior and U21 medals with Kerry.

1969 : Paddy Finucane gives up his Dáil seat, and son Mick runs in his place, unsuccessfully.

1969 : Kerry won New York football chp with Mick Walsh of Guhard involved.

1970 : Ballyloughran officially opened in June by Bp Eamon Casey. Ballyloughran pitch being used for football training and matches from then on.

1970 : Lisselton people attend first Batchelor Festival in Ballybunion.

1970 : Denzie Collins, parish clerk, received the Bene Merenti medal from the church for his outstanding services over the years.

1970 : St Michael's College Listowel won Dunloe and County Cups with David Kissane involved.

1970 : Liam de Brún retired from teaching.

1971 : Ballydonoghue U12 team won NK chp.

1971 : The parish began using the new decimal currency which replaced the pounds, shillings and pence system.

1972 : Shannon Rangers won county chp with John Bunyan, Ger Browne, Bud O'Connor and Seán Hilliard involved.

1972 : A branch of the Irish Countrywomen's Association was set up in the parish.

1972 : Fr Ml Stack appointed second parish priest, succeeding Fr Mundy Stack.

1973 : Parish Committee formed.

1974 : Jimmy Purtill and Paddy Purtill help Kerry to win the New York junior chp.

1974 : St Michael's College won O'Sullivan Cup with Robert Bunyan and Brian Hilliard involved.

1975 : Robert Bunyan captains Kerry minor team to All Ireland victory in Croke Park. His brother, Johnny, wins a senior medal the same day.

1975 : First Ballydonoghue Parish Field Day held.

1975 : A drop in the price of cattle saw calves sold for as little as £3 at Listowel.

1975 : Pat Kissane of Kilcox had success in the Listowel Cup with his dog “Social Black”.

1977 : Sportsfield Committee set up.

1977 : “Bard of Ballydonoghue” competition fundraised and Tim Mulvihill (The Captain) won title.

1977 : Ballydonoghue Community Games established at a meeting in Hegarty’s Hall with George O’Donnell as chairman.

1978 : GAA club purchased field in Coolard for £4,300 from Land Commission.

1979 : Ballydonoghue U14 girls’ gaelic football team got silver medals in Mosney.

1980 : Ballydonoghue u14 girls got bronze in gaelic in the National Community Games, and Dermot Lynch got a bronze in the U8 80m.

1981 : Ballydonoghue won the U21 NK chp for the 1st time.

1981 : Norma Leane won a silver medal in the national Community Games in the U14 shot.

1981 : Fr John Chris Relihan, who was reared in Coolkeragh, awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his work in NSW.

1982 : New school constructed near Lisselton Cross, with Tom Gorman as contractor.

1982 : Tom McEnery, whose forebears hailed from Ballyduff, and a cousin of Mary Jo O’Connor (Máire Bean Uí Chonchubhair) of Ballyouneen, was elected mayor of San Jose, USA. He was re-elected 4 years later.

1982 : Jim O’Donnell won a Munster medal with Kerry minor GAA.

1982 : Ballydonoghue U15 girls’ soccer team got silver in Mosney.

1982 : Kay Carr and five other Ballydonoghue Ladies’ Club members win All-Ireland senior gaelic football medals with Kerry in Oct.

1982 : First ever game played in the new Coolard pitch, as Ballydonoghue beat Moyvane for the first time in 6 years.

1983 : The hope to have a parish magazine first mentioned in the Ballydonoghue/Lisselton notes in The Kerryman.

1983 : The new school opened its doors to students, as the old Lisselton school closed after 112 years.

1983 : Pioneers Association revived in the parish.

1983 : Drainage of Kiltean bog in progress, as well as installation of water system from Listowel through the parish.

1983 : Donnacha O’Connor got a silver medal in the U10 hurdles in Mosney.

1983 : An ancient dug-out boat was found in the Cashen by two Ballybunion men.

1984 : Telephone exchange closed at Lisselton PO.

1984 : Timmy Kennelly, formerly of Lacca, one of the biggest businessmen in Toronto, died. He was known as “The Flying Irishman”.

1984 : Paddy Finucane, successful in 8 general elections, died in Listowel hospital.

1984 : Norma Leane completed a distinguished Community Games career by winning gold in the U17 javelin in Mosney. Dermot Lynch got a silver in the U12 600m in the same national finals.

1985 : Ballydonoghue Parish Magazine first edition is published with Sarah Buckley as editor.

1985 : Branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society established in parish.
1985 : Fr Séamus Linnane appointed president of St Michael's College, Listowel.
1985 : Eileen McCarthy got a silver medal in the U13 walk in the National Community Games in Mosney.
1986 : Maggie Foran of Shronowen becomes one of the few people to see Halley's Comet for the second time.
1986 : New branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann formed in parish.
1987 : Ballydonoghue GAA officially opened new pitch at Coolard, the Denis Dowling Memorial Park and the Jim Dee Stand.
1987 : "Grasses We Combed", history of Ballydonoghue GAA, published.
1987 : 19 children baptized in the parish, compared to 65 a hundred years before.
1987 : Sr Joan O'Connor of Lehanes served as a Columbian missionary in Hong Kong.
1988 : Official opening of Coolard new school by Mary O'Rourke, minister for education.
1988 : Fr. Raymond Boland, nephew of Robert Leslie Boland, appointed Second Bp of Alabama, first Irish-born bp in USA in 30 years.
1988 : Liam Flaherty won All Ireland minor medal with Kerry at right half back.
1988 : Altar Society formed in Ballydonoghue.
1988 : PO closed in Shronowen with death of Jane Bunyan.
1989 : Memorial erected to Maurice Walsh at Lisselton Cross, a joint venture by Ballydonoghue Magazine and Listowel Writers' Week.
1989 : Ballydonoghue Pioneers won the All Ireland Pioneer Talent Competition.
1990 : Fr MI Stack, PP, celebrated 50 years as a priest.
1990 : Lisselton Rovers Soccer Club founded.
1990 : Parish Community Hall Committee formed.
1991 : Mass celebrated at dawn on top of Cnoc an Fhómhair on Easter Sunday.
1991 : An tAthair Micheál Ó Cíosáin, native of Killomeroe, died in Ballyferriter. His book "Cnoc an Fhómhair" remains a key reference work.
1992 : Ballydonoghue won NK senior championship for the first time since 1959 and for the seventh time in all. The club had not been in a NK senior final since 1961. The youngest player on the panel was Colm O'Connor (17) and the oldest was Robert Bunyan (34).
1993 : "Thistles and Docks", the collected works of Robert Leslie Boland, launched in Listowel by the Bob Boland Archive Group.
1993 : President Mary Robinson opened the new Ballyloughran Centre.
1993 : Dr Raymond J Boland appointed Bp of Kansas City.
1993 : Ballydonoghue won NK U21 championship for the second time.
1993 : Fr Tim Dowling ordained to the priesthood.
1994 : Fr Martin Hegarty succeeded Fr Michael Stack as third pp.
1994 : Kate Murphy retired as caretaker in Lisselton NS after 24 years' service.
1995 : Death of Denzie Collins, parish clerk .
1995 : Kit Ahern launched the 11th edition of the Ballydonoghue Parish Magazine at The Thatch.
1995 : Death of Bp Glennon Patrick Flavin in Nebraska, USA. His father Michael was

a monitor in Lisselton School in the early 1900s and had relations in Ballyconry.

1995 : Death of Urlee emigrant Liam Finucane in New York. He was a Magazine contributor and had trained the New York football team.

1996 : Two Lisselton brothers who were bishops and whose father hailed from Farnastack, Bp Ray Boland of Kansas and Bp Kevin Boland of Savannah, were honoured at a function in Listowel.

1996 : Ballydonoghue CCE members won 4 gold medals at the All Ireland Fleadh Cheoil in Listowel: Aisling Neville on flute, Brian Mooney on banjo, Sharon McCarthy on drums, (all 12 – 15) and Danny O'Mahony on senior accordion.

1996 : Easter Sunday dawn mass was celebrated on top of Cnoc an Fhómhair with a huge attendance.

1996 : Marion Walsh of Tullamore was elected first ever lady chairperson of The Kerry Association in Dublin.

1996 : Fr David Gunn ordained to the priesthood in June and was appointed curate in Kenmare.

1996 : Lisselton Rovers won their second league title and were promoted to the premier division while John Kissane and Timmy Foley were selected on the Kerry panel.

1997 : Liam Flaherty wins his first, and Ballydonoghue's second senior football All Ireland medal.

1998 : President Bill Clinton stops at Lisselton Cross and spends time with local people.

1999 : Joseph Linnane of Ballydonoghue retired after spending 41 years as teacher and principal of Dromerin and Lisselton Schools.

2000 : The new millennium is celebrated in the parish.

2000 : Pádraig O'Connor of Lyre won gold at the world Taekwon-do chps.

2000 : Ballydonoghue crowned as top junior set-dancing club in Ireland.

2001 : Lisselton Creamery closed.

2002 : PO moves from Gilbert's to Hegarty's.

2002 : Parish people began using the Euro currency for the first time.

2002: Death of Danny Curtin, third editor of The Ballydonoghue Parish Magazine.

2006 : Census shows 1,830 people live in the parish, a drop of 29 since 2002.

2006 : Fr Joseph Nolan celebrated 50 years in the priesthood.

2008 : Memorial erected to The Gabha Beag.

2009: Ballydonoghue completed the double by winning both the NK junior league and championship finals.

2011: Ballydonoghue completed the double by winning both NK junior and county league finals.

2012 : Ballydonoghue Scór na nÓg won All Ireland title.

2012 : Dromerin School closed.

2013: Sr Joan O'Connor, Lehanes, celebrated her silver jubilee.

2013 : Ballydonoghue minor football team won div 4 of the county league.

2013 : Ballydonoghue minor football team won div 1 of the NK league.

2013: Ballydonoghue U16 football team won div 1 of the county league.

2015: Ballydonoghue minors win div 1 of the county football league for the first time ever.

2016: Mick Finucane dies at age 93. Tá ár laoch imithe.

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