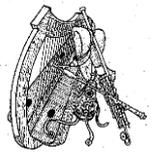




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1. **Urban Myth?** How true could this story be? Story goes that in Tipperary the Black and Tans were evicting a poor defenceless widow when the Godsall brothers happened along and went to her assistance. In the ensuing melee, one of the B & T's must have accidentally fallen over and injured himself – fatally.

It was suggested that, discretion being the better part of valour, the brothers should clear out to either USA or Australia.

When they arrived in Sydney, they were thinking, "Where do we go from here in this vast land?"

One had the inspired thought – "Let's go to a town which begins with 'T' and has the same number of letters that Tipperary has.

Guess where they landed!! And, double guess – who became the first mayor of Toowoomba?

A grand story – the editor is still working the veracity or otherwise of it.

#### 2. Club Matters & Members' News & Stories.

- Heard at the September members' night: "Ah, good morning, Mrs. Murphy, and how is everything?"

"Sure and I'm having a grand time of it between me husband and the fire. If I keep my eye on the one, the other is sure to go out."

- **The October diary: Full Committee meeting Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm; Members' night Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – remember that a **free drink****

**voucher will be given to all FINANCIAL members – we gather between 5 and 8 pm: Traditional Irish Music sessions** at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, in the Michael Collins Bar. On-lookers and supporters welcome. **Genuine traditional Irish music** is played in the place where 'atmosphere is everything'.

- **The planning committee:** This sub-committee met early last month and inspected the kitchen work with our architect looking at defects. When these have been attended to payment will be made. This sub – comittee will now go into abeyance until the next project comes along.

#### September Committee meeting:

1) Correspondence received tells us that the Outer Circulating Road system currently under construction will have two implications for Club members, despite requests from Committee members – a) members approaching the Hotel from the western part of town down Russell St. will **not** be able to perform a right hand turn into Station St. b) there will be **no** pedestrian safety island between Betros Brothers' fruit shop and the hotel; 2) expenditure of in excess of \$35 200 was approved. This figure included payments for the renovations in the kitchen area, annual audit fees, land tax, annual dinner etc. This very high figure is most unusual but necessary; 3) a new National Member, Helen McNaught was approved; 4) legal advice is being sought for the suggestion that we provide Club Rooms for members on the premises – a complicated situation; 5) a Calendar for the coming year is being prepared; 6) please set aside Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

December for the Club's Christmas party – more details to follow.

- An important event in the history of Ireland took place 1 000 years ago on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1014 – the **battle of Clontarf**, where although killed himself, **Brian Boru** and his troops saw off the Vikings who were the founders of Dublin City itself. The Club's social sub-committee is looking at the possibility of celebrating this remembrance.

3. **WWW Sites:** Leitrim Organic Centre has much information on this fashionable topic: [www.theorganiccentre.ie](http://www.theorganiccentre.ie)

4. **News from Ireland:** Ireland and USA have signed an Agreement to Improve International Tax Compliance. The agreement will significantly increase the amount of tax information automatically exchanged between the two countries with tax evasion being the main aim of the treaty.

(To our knowledge no such agreement is being considered with the Australian Government.)

5. **Know your rule:** Item 21: **Resolutions of management committee without meeting:** 2) A resolution mentioned in section (1) may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one (1) or more members of the committee.

(As we have covered a good deal of the Rule Book over time, I propose to discontinue this section in future newsletters – ed.)

6. **'Tings 'Oirish.**

- **Who said this?** "But I, being poor, have only my dreams; I have spread my dreams under your feet. Tread softly because you tread on my dreams." (The answer is at the end of this newsletter.)

- **This month's Irish Blessing:**

These things I warmly wish for you –  
Someone to love; some work to do; a bit o' sun; a bit o' cheer; and a guardian angel always near.

- **Irish wisdom:**

If you are lucky enough to be Irish, you are lucky enough.

- **Oscar Wilde(1854-1900) - monthly comment:**

Imagination is a quality given to a man to compensate him for what he is not; a sense of humour was provided to console him for what he is..

- **W. B. Yeats' poem:** According to Yeats's philosophy, feminine beauty was the product of a 'discipline'. Be she Helen of Troy or someone of lesser importance, she was the artificer of her own beauty:

How many centuries spent

The sedentary soul

In toil of measurement

Beyond eagle or mole,

Beyond hearing or seeing,

Or Archimedes' guess,

To raise into being

That loveliness?

- **This Month's Limerick:**

There was a pert lass from Madras

Who had a remarkable ass –

Not rounded and pink,

As you probably think.

It was gray, had long ears and ate grass.

7. **A bit of Irish History (Tudor Ireland) –**

The first thirty – odd years of that reign (Elizabeth's) brought a constant push of new English settlers into Gaelic and Anglo-Norman areas. East Ulster was planted in the 1560's and 1570's. The earldom of Desmond, which was wedded alike to the old religion and the old political ways, was goaded into rebellion and defeated with great savagery. Thus the way was open for the plantation of English settlers in Munster.

8. **Words from President Michael.**

The first meeting of the new committee was held last month. From that two sub committees have been reformed for club history and social events. We would encourage any members who would like to have input into these sub committees to contact us. We welcome all new ideas.

Fran Frawley also mentioned she would like to have a Rose of Tralee entrant from the club this year. Entrants must be at least 18 and no older than 28. The girls must be single or never married and have Irish heritage. Some fundraising is also involved. If any young members are interested or older members know any possible entrants would you please talk to Fran?

Finally, I am pleased to write that the September Members' Night was a huge success! The night seemed to have a record attendance and it was wonderful to see so many old and new faces coming along and enjoying themselves.

Hope to see you all there again this month.

*Michael Morrison*

(Answer – W.B. Yeats.)