

# BALLYBUNION NEWS

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## SUPERVALU RAISING ENERGY AWARENESS

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AND MUCH MUCH MORE



In the past twelve months SuperValu has teamed up with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) to help to spearhead environmental change in both the Irish retail sector and the local community through the 'Building Sustainable Communities' initiative.

Once again in partnership with the SEAI, a number of community upgrade projects were completed, with ten SuperValu stores across Ireland participating in the initiative, the objective of which is to reduce energy costs, fossil fuel usage and greenhouse gas emissions year on year.

In keeping with high standards of energy efficiency and renewable energy usage, Cahills SuperValu Ballybunion identified and upgraded areas of their own operations which could be made more energy efficient, and they were also able to identify community buildings in Ballybunion to donate funds to and enable them to upgrade their facilities.

Under the scheme, Cahills store had brand new solar PV panels installed on the roof (above) and this installation led to energy usage reductions of over 67,000 KWH which is the equivalent in energy terms of powering sixteen houses per year in the local community.

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## A Note from the Editor



*Hello and welcome to another edition of Ballybunion News.*

*Again, the weather hasn't been too bad this past week although we've had a bit of rain but apparently the really cold weather is on the way again and there is even a possibility of snow according to some experts.*

*The announcement from NPHEET this week that foreign holidays are unlikely this coming summer can only be good for Ballybunion surely? Last summer, those businesses that were able to open, enjoyed a good season, and if Irish people aren't allowed to travel abroad again this year, then you would expect that it will be to Ballybunion's advantage, and hopefully all of our businesses will be open this time.*

*My sincere condolences to the Finnerty family on the death of Seamus Finnerty, formerly of Ballyeigh, who passed away on Sunday last. Seamus was a Past President of the Golf Club and as nice a person as you could meet. May He Rest in Peace.*

*God Bless and Stay Safe Everyone*

*Ger*

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### LOCAL MASS TIMES

**SATURDAY** 7:00pm

**SUNDAY** 11:30am

**WEEKDAYS** 10:00am

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Speaking in relation to their participation in the scheme, SuperValu Ballybunion owner Cormac Cahill said:

*"This was a hugely successful partnership with the SEAI for us and we're delighted with the results so far. To be able to see the positive impact of this initiative in our local community is brilliant and we look forward to continuing to work towards a more sustainable SuperValu Ballybunion over the next 12 months."*

In previous years, SuperValu Ballybunion upgraded their refrigeration cabinets and also underwent an energy efficiency overhaul, with new LED lighting upgrades installed.

This means that not only is the Ballybunion store conserving energy through the refrigeration cabinets and LED lighting upgrades, they are also now creating their own eco-friendly energy to power their store, while seeing a significant reduction in their own energy bills from the work that was done.

Cahills SuperValu also nominated Ballybunion Community Centre and Ballybunion Leisure Centre as their partner community groups, so that they too could become more energy efficient and a result of the initiative, funding was provided to Ballybunion Leisure Centre for a new pool cover which will see an annual saving of €6,270 on their energy bills, while funding was also provided to Ballybunion Community Centre for the installation of a heat pump and an LED lighting upgrade which will contributed €3,400 in savings.

## LOOKING FOR MAURICE MULCAHY MEMORABILIA



Following the recent death of Joe Mulcahy, the last surviving member of the original Maurice Mulcahy Orchestra, a member of the Mulcahy family has been in touch and is looking for any memorabilia of the Orchestra/Band that people might have in Ballybunion.

The request reads : *"Family members looking for Maurice Mulcahy Memorabilia, Posters, cards, Photographs, etc. We would much appreciate the opportunity to purchase and receive any memorabilia, or information about the band"*.

If anybody has any of the afore-mentioned items that they would like to give or sell to the Mulcahy family, they can do so by contacting the Tourist Office.

## CORONA VIRUS EXPLAINED EASILY



- John got infected but he won't know that for fourteen days
- He thinks he's healthy, but he's infecting 10 people per day
- These people think they're okay, but they go out and infect another 100 people
- Likewise, the 100 think they're healthy, but they infect another 1,000 people

**The truth is, nobody knows who is okay and who can infect you**  
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**Fri : 9.30am to 12.30 & 2.30pm to 6.00pm**

### **BALLYBUNION OFFICE**

**THE BALLYBUNION OFFICE WILL REMAIN  
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## BALLYBUNION NEWS AT A CROSSROADS

Ballybunion News, first published on March 4th 2011 (*right*), celebrates its tenth birthday next month, and what began as a little news bulletin for under one hundred people, is now read across the globe each week by thousands of people, including those living locally, people who holiday in Ballybunion, locals living abroad, and by many of the overseas members of the golf club, all of whom like to keep in touch with what's happening in our community.

Over the years, I've had communications from people in Australia, China, the USA, Europe, and of course the UK and Ireland, most of whom enjoy what is on offer and from the very beginning, Ballybunion News has been fortunate to have had the support of many local businesses, while in the ten years of publishing, the advertising rates have remained the same as they were on day one, which is one of the reasons why most of the original advertisers are still onboard.

As the vast majority of my advertisers are in the hospitality sector, their businesses have been closed for most of the past twelve months and are unlikely to re-open again for sometime, so the advertising revenue has all but disappeared, as a result.

A lot of work and effort goes into producing this publication each week, and as I see it, I'm now left with four possible choices going forward :

- (a) **Close down Ballybunion News permanently**
- (b) **Suspend publication until the whole country opens up and life gets back to normal**
- (c) **Ask readers for donations**
- (d) **Charge a small annual fee to subscribe and continue to receive the publication weekly.**

Looking at the options for a moment and these are just my thoughts :

Closing down would impact on an awful lot of people, especially those living abroad who look forward to hearing all the news from home each week and I dare say that Ballybunion News has become a vital service, not only to local businesses, but to local clubs, schools and organisations for raising awareness about various events and issues within the locality.

Suspending publication until "normality" returns, may well see the end of the publication anyway, as it could lose the goodwill and interest that it has built up over ten years and nobody has any idea exactly when life is going to return to normal, plus, there's no guarantee that the advertisers I have lost because of the pandemic, will be in a position financially to come back and advertise again.

Asking for donations is not something I'm comfortable with, as I would prefer to give something in return for receipt of any money, while I wonder if readers would actually pay a small annual fee to receive and read Ballybunion News each week ?

I would really like to hear the readers thoughts or suggestions on this issue, so please get in touch with me by Email : [mail@ballybunionnews.com](mailto:mail@ballybunionnews.com). I won't publish individual replies, but I would like to get a general feeling as to what the public opinion is, out there.





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## JANUARY FIGURES OFF THE SCALE, BUT LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Sunday last the 31st brought an end to a miserable month of January which saw Covid figures reach a level never seen before since the beginning of the pandemic last March, but there is reason for hope, as numbers are continuing to fall.

New cases of the virus reported for the month of January totalled 104,996 which is 53.4% of the total number of cases (196,563) in just one month, while deaths recorded from the virus for the month of January were 1,084 which is 33.2% of the total number of deaths (3,262) since the pandemic began.

Locally, the total number of new cases in Kerry for the month of January was 2,234 which is 54.9% of the total of 4,068 since the beginning.

Kerry's total number of cases represents just barely 2% of the national total since the beginning, and the county now has the second-lowest incidence rate in the country per 100,000 people at 188.

Here is a table comparing January to the two previous months of December and November :

	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>
New Cases	11,423	19,384	104,996
Deaths	146	191	1,084
Cases in Kerry	293	590	2,234

Now to our weekly report, where numbers continue to fall in the number of new cases of the virus in Kerry this past week with 116 cases recorded compared to 165 the previous week, a drop of almost 30%.

Nationwide, there was also a noticeable decrease in new cases going from 11,903 the previous week, to 8,335 representing a drop of 30%.

Unfortunately, the total number of deaths recorded nationwide in the past week was up by 50 (14%) from 354 to 394, while there were 101 deaths alone on Tuesday, which is the highest daily number recorded since the pandemic began.

These figures now bring the total number of positive cases in Ireland since the pandemic began, to 199, 517, while there have been 3,514 deaths.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Kim Sugrue**  
Mon Feb 1st



**T.J. McCarron**  
Tue Feb 2nd



**Ita Walsh**  
Fri Feb 5th



**Elaine O'Connell**  
Fri Feb 5th



**Tom O'Driscoll**  
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**Pa Walsh**  
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**Cormac Cahill**  
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**Chairperson** : John Dee;

**Vice-Chairpersons** : John Hannan & Pat Diggin;

**Secretary** : Bríd Griffin

**Assistant Secretary** : Maurice Mannix

**Treasurer** : Colm Kissane;

**PRO** : Bríd Griffin

**Registrar** : James Buckley

**County Board Delegate** : Fergus Stack

**North Kerry Board Delegates** : Maurice King and John Hennessy

**Insurance Officer** : James Buckley

**Cultural Officer** : Orla Holly

**Child Protection Officer** : Nóirín Hitchen

**Coaching Officer** : James Buckley.

There has been a fantastic response to the "Every Step Counts" challenge with over 70 people clocking up the miles for the club and so far they have walked/jogged almost 10,000km.

The event continues until early March and you can join at any time by simply downloading the My Life App, join the Munster Challenge and select Beale GAA to get started.

Beale GAA volunteers are available to help vulnerable people during these trying times and provide non-emergency support for people living locally who may need assistance with shopping, fuel, medicine etc, being collected and delivered.

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## FIVE YOUTHS ARRESTED IN BALLYBUNION



Five youths from the West Limerick area, the eldest of whom was just fifteen, were apprehended in Ballybunion this morning after a stolen car in which they were travelling, had been involved in a crash and had broken down and was abandoned on the Kit Ahern Road just outside the Ballybunion Health and Leisure Centre.

The youths, were earlier involved in an incident at a shop and filling station in nearby Lisselton, where they drove off without paying for fuel and items from the shop.

Approaching Ballybunion, they were involved in a collision at Ahafona Cross with a local man who was driving to work, but they fled the scene and drove into the town, abandoning the car after it broke down on the Kit Ahern Road.

They then separated and set off on foot to await pickup from friends and family whom they had telephoned but before help could arrive, three of them were arrested within the town while the other two hid out for a while on the Cashen course at Ballybunion Golf Club but they too were captured by the Gardaí with a little help from vigilant staff members at the golf club.

Help eventually arrived for the youths in the shape of individuals in two cars from the Newcastlewest/Rathkeale area, but upon learning that they had been arrested, quickly fled the scene.

It is believed that the car which had crashed and was abandoned, belonged to a parent of the fifteen year-old driver from Newcastlewest, who had taken it unknown to the parent.

## Coronavirus COVID-19



Coronavirus  
COVID-19  
Public Health  
Advice

**If you have fever and/or cough you should stay at home regardless of your travel or contact history.**

If you have returned from an area that is subject to travel restrictions due to COVID-19 you should restrict your movement for 14 days. Check the list of affected areas on [www.dfa.ie](http://www.dfa.ie)

**All people are advised to:**

- > **Reduce** social interactions
- > **Keep a distance** of 2m between you and other people
- > **Do not** shake hands or make close contact where possible

If you have symptoms visit [hse.ie](http://hse.ie) OR phone HSE Live 1850 24 1850

### How to Prevent



**Stop**  
shaking hands or hugging when saying hello or greeting other people



**Distance**  
yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell



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your hands well and often to avoid contamination

### Symptoms

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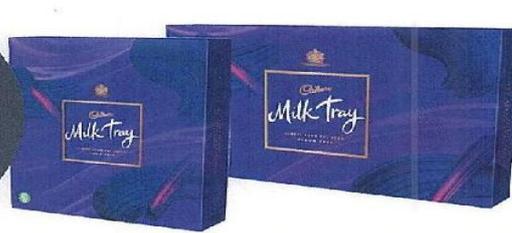
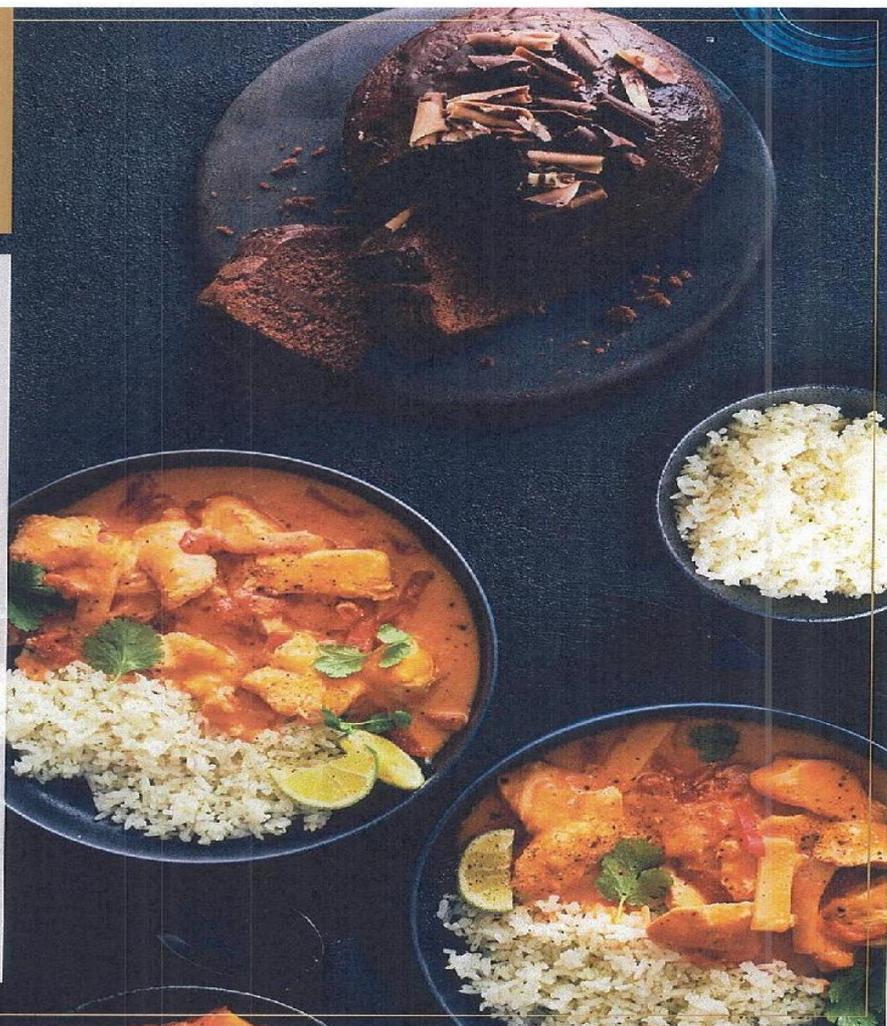
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**Friday 10.00am :** Station Mass for Gortnaskehy, Ahafona, Commons, Barna and Kilmulhane

**Saturday 7.00pm :** John Walsh (Month's Mind), Martin "Mattie" Allen (First Anniversary), Mary "Jet" Costelloe (Second Anniversary)

**Sunday 11.30am :** Noreen O'Sullivan of Tullamore, Ballybunion (First Anniversary), Tim Hannan & Patsy Costelloe

**Monday 10.00pm :** Jerry Lane

**Wednesday 10.00am :** Gabrielle Costelloe

**Friday 10.00am :** Thomas, Margaret, Tom, Richard & Jerry Enright and members of the Enright family.

**Please Pray for the Souls of :** Seamus Finnerty of Ballyeigh and Listowel and Rosemary Moriarty of Sandhill Road and Cork who died during the past week.

**Anniversaries :** Padraic Liston, Mattie Allen, Tim Hannan, Patsy Costelloe, John Walsh, Mary "Jet" Costelloe, Gabrielle Costelloe & Noreen O'Sullivan

**Mass :** Weekday masses for intentions will be said privately while Saturday night's vigil mass (7.00pm) and Sunday morning mass (11.30am) will be streamed live on the St John's Facebook page

**Parish Office :** Under Covid Level Five restrictions, the office is closed to the public but you can leave a message on the answering machine and we will get back to you

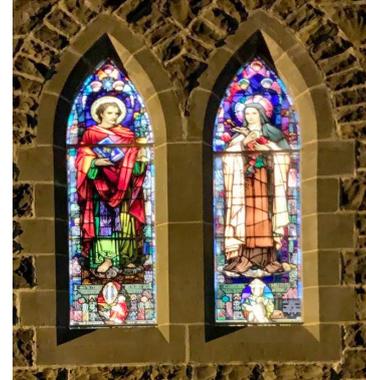
**Priest on Duty :** Sunday February 7th Fr Anthony O'Sullivan of Lixnaw. Tel : 087-2461749

**School Enrolment :** Kilconly National School is now open for enrolment for the 2021/2022 school year. Please email the school at : [cillconla@gmail.com](mailto:cillconla@gmail.com) for pre-enrolment form.

**Private Prayer :** St. John's Church remains open for private prayer but please adhere to all safety measures in place.

Sanitise your hands on entry, enter through the left hand side, please maintain social distance of two metres from fellow parishioners, exit through the righthand side and sanitise your hands when leaving the church.

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



St John the Evangelist and St Therese of the Child Jesus is another of the sixteen Stained Glass windows in Ballybunion Church. St John the Evangelist as distinct from St John the Baptist, is the John of the twelve Apostles and a brother of St James the Apostle, both sons of Zebedee.

Along with Peter and Andrew, they were the first four called by Jesus to follow him, and John is called the Evangelist because he wrote the fourth Gospel, which presents the "Good News", very differently to Matthew, Mark and Luke.

He is depicted here with the Book and Chalice and in the small pane underneath his foot, he has an eagle with the pot of ink in it's mouth which is the symbol of John the Evangelist and his Gospel shares the stories of how close he was to Jesus.

The image on the right panel is of St Therese of the Child Jesus and St John's church also carries a statue to St Therese which shows how deep the devotion to this saint was in this community's spirituality.

St Therese was born in France in 1873 and became a Carmelite Nun at a young age. It is recorded how difficult she found the monastic life but she devoted herself to small acts of kindness especially to those she didn't like, and for this reason, devotion to her spread after her death. All people find aspects of life difficult and everyone can do small acts of kindness even to those we don't like. She contracted Tuberculosis and died in 1897. Her Feast Day is celebrated every year on October 1st. Although we cannot gather for Mass at present, please come and pray individually and use the stained Glass windows for prayer.

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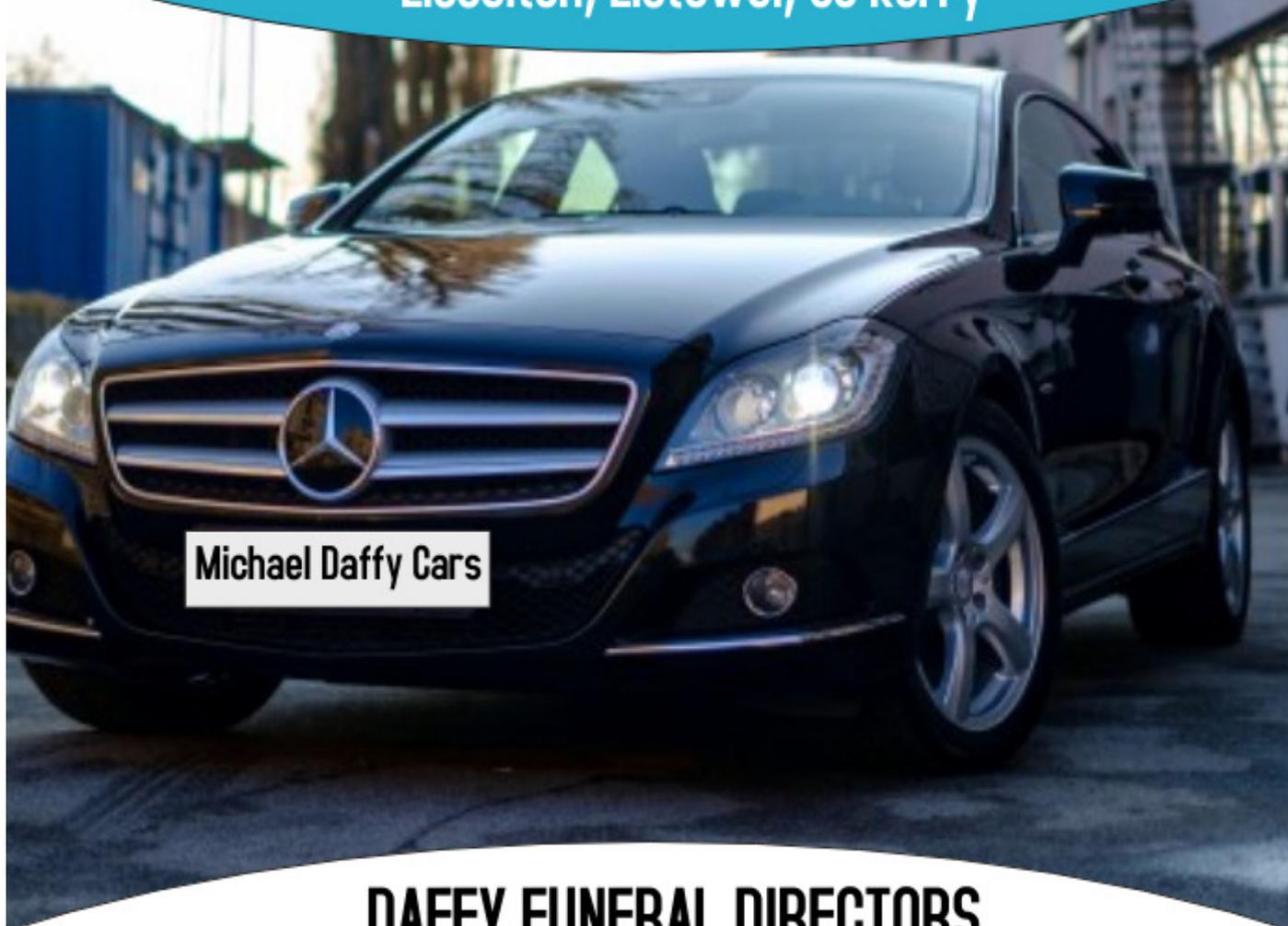
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*There was great local interest in this picture from last week and several people were asking for the names. Frank O'Connor who is one of the boys in the picture, was in touch to tell me that it was actually a school band started by Mrs Mulvihill at the Boys school and the names are as follows :*  
**Back Row L to R : Francis O'Carroll (RIP), Pdraig Murphy, Frank O'Connor, John O'Connor (RIP), Gerard Murphy (RIP), Thomas Falvey (RIP), James Long & Liam Bunyan. Front Row L to R : Gerry Casey, Jim Walsh, Giles Gleasure, Martin Costello, Michael Holland, Liam Browne, Charlie Farrell & James Beasley.**



*Rainbow over the Castle captured by Joan O'Connor*

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