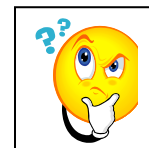


TABLE QUIZ – 23rd March, in the Garda Club, Harrington St.

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Our only fundraising event for our 60th year proved as popular and as enjoyable as ever. It was another great success with our own expert Quizmaster, John Daly, doing a great job. Well done to Colm Healion and his team.



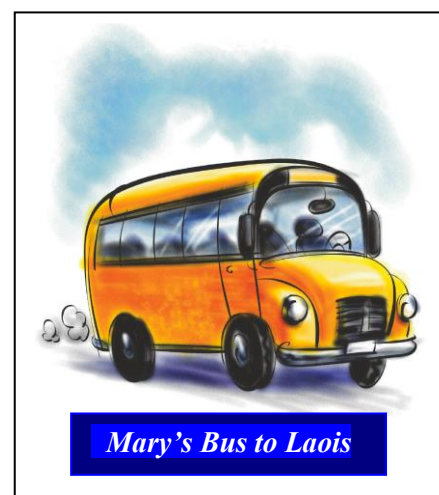
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TRIP - 'AR AIS GO LAOIS' - 22nd May 2009.
Our educational, cultural, and social visit home.

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Another hugely enjoyable action packed day-long event, organised and led as efficiently as ever by our Chairman, Mary Doyle.

Our day began at Heritage House, Abbyleix with morning coffee, and a guided tour, followed by visits to the New library and Sexton's Cottage. Following lunch in Abbyleix Manor Hotel, our bus and our guide, Mr. Tom Cox took us to Heywood Gardens; Aghaboe Abbey; Donoughmore Museum finishing with afternoon tea in the Abbyleix Manor Hotel .



We are indebted to Laois Co. Council for their generous support, as always, and to our guide, Mr. Tox Cox whose love and knowledge of local history and folklore made this a very special day indeed.

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Heritage House, Abbeyleix

Enjoying a well earned cup of coffee ...



Margaret Kennedy and Tony Brophy (Treasurer)



Joe and Mary O'Sullivan

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Sexton's Cottage, Abbeyleix



Mary Doyle, Sandy Metcalfe and Tony Brophy

Heywood Gardens



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**Back: Joe Dowling; Vincent Rafter, Tony Brophy
Front: Rosaleen Masterson; Colm Healion: Mary Doyle;
Sandy Metcalfe and Fintan Walsh**



**Lucy O'Meara; Mary O'Sullivan; Bridie Healion; Michael O'Meara; Marie Dunne;
Donal Hickey; Kay Hickey and May Mulhall**

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**Taking hold of the husband!
Daphne & Sandy Metcalfe with Daphne's sister, Joan Lochaden (Abbeylisleix)**



Anna Malone and Tony Brophy

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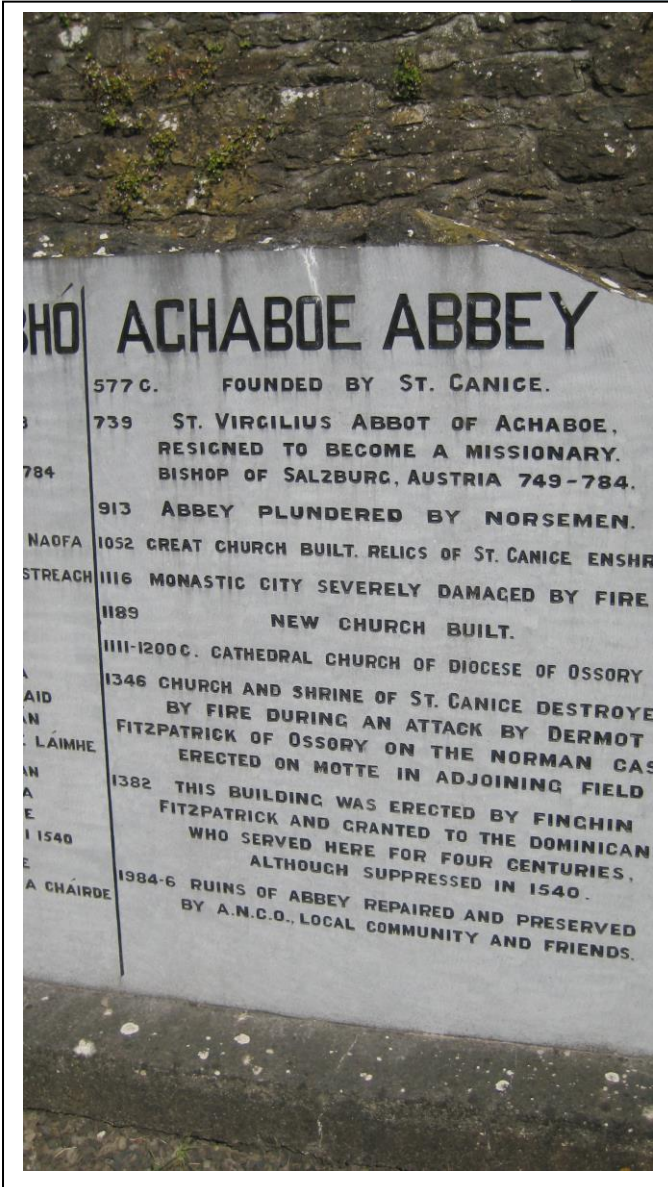
Heywood Gardens



Rosaleen Masterson, Sandy Metcalfe and Jim Masterson



Aghadoe Abbey



The High Priests of the Laois Association - Dublin !!

Aghadoe Abbey



Mary Doyle; Mary O'Sullivan and Tony Brophy

Donoughmore Museum



**Chairman Mary makes a presentation to Trevor Stanley,
our guide at Donoughmore Museum**

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A Great Day!



Mary's Bus to Laois



'Well done, Mary'

GUEST SPEAKER – Colonel Ned Campion

30th September 2009.

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We were honoured to welcome one of our own, Colonel Ned Campion, as our guest speaker at our September Open Meeting.

The contribution of the Army Equitation School to the success of Irish Showjumping is legendary. Names like Ringrose, Kiely, Campion, McMahon, Power, Mullins and Ledingham have become household words wherever the sport of showjumping is mentioned. Among the legendary partnerships of horse and rider from the Army Equitation School which spring to mind are Rockbarton (Lt. Col. Gerry Mullins); Kilbaha (Comdt. John Ledingham); Loch an Easpaig (Col. Billy Ringrose); and Garrai Eoin (Col. Ned Campion).

Ned represented Ireland in the Mexico Olympics; in no less than 65 Nations Cups; and in both World & European Championships. He was Chef d'Equipe to the Irish Showjumping Team at the Olympics in Barcelona, Atlanta & Athens, and Team Manager at the Sydney Olympics. He is former Secretary General of the Equestrian Federation of Ireland (EFI).

In his usual unassuming way, Ned delivered a most enjoyable 'behind the scenes' insight into a long and distinguished career, from his childhood in Rathdowney; his introduction to horses; his career in the army equitation school, and his many experiences in international showjumping. A most memorable and enjoyable evening.



Thanks, Ned.

Colonel Ned Campion receiving a presentation from Chairman, Mary Doyle