

Garry McMahon R.I.P.

Garry McMahon, Solicitor, Footballer, song writer, composer and poet died on the 5th March 2008. The late Garry McMahon was born in August 1937, the eldest son of Kitty McMahon nee Ryan of Cashel Co Tipperary and Bryan McMahon of Listowel, Co. Kerry. Garry was a talented footballer having played for the Kerry Minors in 1955. He continued to play for Kerry, winning two All Ireland medals in 1959 and 1962. He was a talented goal scorer and still holds the record for the fastest goal in a senior All Ireland football final, 31 seconds into the 1962 final against Roscommon. He also played minor hurling with Kerry.

After qualifying as a Solicitor, he moved to Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick and opened his own practice, Patrick G. McMahon Solicitors. He was joined in business by his brother Owen, also a Solicitor and continued to practice law until his death.

Garry was a renowned singer of sean nos and ballads plus a supporter of the Irish language. He wrote two Masses in Irish which have been broadcast on RTE. One of them has since been translated into English.

He also toured the USA with Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. He penned many a fine song and ballad and recorded a CD "The Songman" of his own songs in the recent months before his death. Garry donated this CD to raise money for the new hydrotherapy unit at St Gabriel's Centre, Dooradoyle.

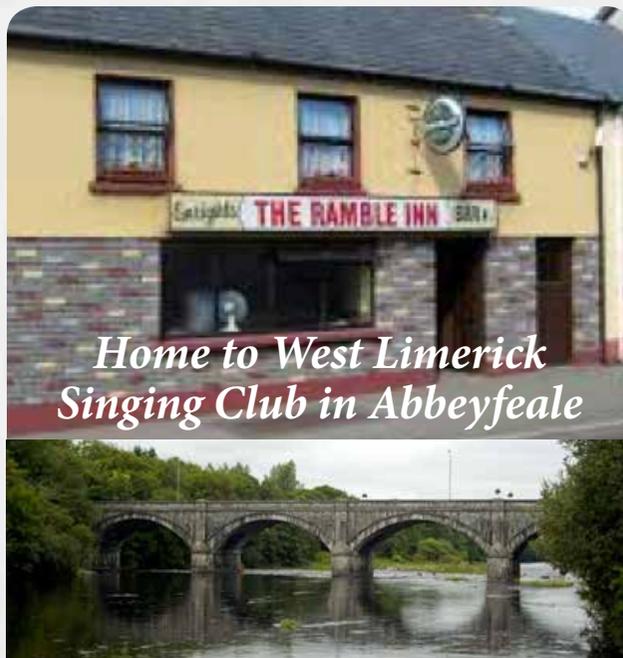
The songs reflect Garry McMahon's life interests, and he freely admits the influence of his late father, author, teacher and broadcaster, Bryan McMahon.

One of his songs, The Land of the Gael, has already been recorded by a number of other artists.

Garry was a regular visitor at our monthly singing sessions in The Ramble Inn Bar, Abbeyfeale on the first Friday of every month.



3 Brothers of the late Garry McMahon



Home to West Limerick Singing Club in Abbeyfeale



Bernard O'Sullivan CCE making a presentation on behalf of our singing club to Senior men's English singing club to Michéal O'Shea, also in picture our club chairman Tomás McKenna.



Bernard O'Sullivan CCE making a presentation on behalf of our singing club to Catherin Broderick Murphy senior ladies English singing club winner 2014. Also in Picture Tadhg O'Maolcatha CCE.

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West Limerick Singing Club

Garry McMahon

7TH ANNUAL

Singing Weekend

Abbeyfeale
16th, 17th, 18th October 2015

Free Workshops
 Irish and English Singing
 Guidelines on Composing
 Traditional Ballads

Featuring
Newly Composed
Traditional Ballad Competition
 (Irish and English)

Entry forms and rules available from
 0872293636 / email. chris.oshea@live.ie



Official Opening

by Dara O'Cinneide

Friday 16th 8:00 pm

The Ramble Inn

Victorious Kerry football captain in 2004, Holder of several senior All Ireland medals. Currently a presenter with TG4 and Radio na Gaelteachta.



Followed by

Singing Session 9:00pm

The Ramble Inn & Leens Hotel

Free Workshop

Saturday 17th 10:30am - 1pm

Leens Hotel,

All age groups welcome
Tutors: Joe O'Connor & Seamus Brogan

Newly Composed Ballad Competition

Saturday 17th 3:00pm

Ramble Inn

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Singing Sessions

Saturday 17th 9:30 pm

The Ramble Inn & Leens Hotel

Aifreann na Ríocht

Sunday 18th 12 noon

As composed by Garry McMahon R.I.P.
Performed by The Abbeyfeale Choir

Tribute to Donie Lyons

Sunday 18th 3:00pm

Fr. Caseys GAA Club

Farewell Singing Session

Sunday 18th 6:30pm - late

The Ramble Inn

West Limerick Singing Club

Founded in 2002, running monthly singing sessions at The Ramble Inn, Abbeyfeale, on the first Friday of every month, promoting singing and story telling in English and Irish.



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JOE O'CONNOR

Joe, who is a native of Miltown Malbay has been to the forefront of traditional singing, recitation and music for decades. He has been a singer, raconteur, musician, patron, collector and archivist, linguist, poet and scholar, inspirational educator and Reachtaire of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. He was a close friend of Garry McMahon and has been associated with the Traditional Singing Weekend since its inception.



SEAMUS BROGAN

Once again we are delighted to welcome Seamus Brogan to the Garry McMahon traditional singing weekend where he will conduct a singing workshop on the Saturday morning. Seamus was awarded The Gradam na Fleidhe Nua in Ennis this year at the traditional singing session on Saturday night May 23rd during fleadh Nua. Original from Wexford

singer and lilter Seamus Brogan inherited a huge musical legacy from his grandparents and parents. He won the senior title for traditional singing at fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Enniscorthy in 2000. His mother Mary Brogan won several all Ireland titles on mouth organ and for singing at Fleadh cheoil na hÉireann over the years. Seamus has been involved in the administration and promotion of Comhaltas in Britain for almost 30 Years. He is treasurer of the council of Britain and is also a member of the Ardchomhairle of CCÉ. He is a highly respected singing adjudicator and regularly conduct singing workshops in Britain and Ireland. He has received many accolades over the years including a Bardic award at Fleadh cheoil na hÉireann in Cavan in 2010. West Limerick singing club were delighted to honour Seamus during our 2014 singing weekend.



DONIE LYONS

Donie was born and reared in Dromreask, Glin Co Limerick and continues to live there with his wife Betty. Donie was reared in a house of traditional music where his grandfather who played the flute and concertina had a big influence on Donie's musical development. From the age of eight Donie showed great musical prowess going on the Wren with the local wren boys. Later Donie would meet with Thomas "Buddy" Furey of Glenagra in Glin, a noted fiddle player and they played a lot of music together. Donie is also a well known traditional singer and has competed at County, Munster, and All Ireland fleadhanna in both music and singing with great success. Donie has also adjudicated at many fleadhanna throughout Ireland and has toured Ireland, England, USA and Canada with Comhaltas. He has been a member of the West Limerick singing club since it was founded in 2002 and continues to be a stalwart of West Limerick singing and is well known for singing songs of the area. Donie is first and foremost a Gentleman and is always willing to pass on his impressive repertoire of songs. The West Limerick singing club are delighted to honour Donie at this year's Garry McMahon traditional singing weekend in recognition of his contribution to sean nós singing over the years. The presentation will take place in Fr Caseys GAA club on Sunday 18th @ 3pm, All welcome.