



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



Joan and Treasa McMahon, Mick O'Connell, Owen and Rossa McMahon.

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West Limerick Singing Club

Garry McMahon

9TH ANNUAL

Singing Weekend

Abbeyfeale
20th, 21st, 22nd October 2017

Featuring
Newly Composed
Traditional Ballad Competition
 (Irish and English)

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



Official Opening by Tomás Ó Sé

Friday 20th 8:00 pm

The Ramble Inn



Official opening by Tomás Ó Sé. A member of the famous family of Kerry footballers, Nephew of the late Páidí Ó Sé and brother of Darragh and Marc with whom he won 4 of his 5 all Ireland medals, Tomás also won 5 all stars, Footballer of the year award in 2007 and made history that year when the 3 brothers were named on the all Stars team.

Followed by

Singing Session 9:00pm

The Ramble Inn & Leens Hotel

Tour

Saturday 21st 11am

Trip to Listowel Garry McMahon's original home town, short tour will be lead by Owen McMahon.

Newly Composed Ballad Competition

Saturday 21st 3:00pm

Ramble Inn

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Singing Sessions

Saturday 21st 9:30 pm

The Ramble Inn & Leens Hotel

Aifreann na Ríocht

Saturday 21st 7pm

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

Singing Session

Sunday 22nd 11am

Upstairs in Leens hotel.

Tribute to Tomás McKenna

Sunday 22nd 3:00pm

Fr. Caseys GAA Club

Farewell Singing Session

Sunday 22nd 6:30pm until 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.



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

We are delighted to welcome Seamus to the 9th Garry McMahon traditional singing weekend. Both Seamus and his Mother Mary Brogan have received the Gradam na Fleidhe Nua In Ennis in recognition of there contribution to traditional singing. Seamus is a senior all Ireland champion singers as is his mother Mary who won several all Ireland titles for both singing and the mouth organ.



TOMÁS MCKENNA

Tomás was born into a farming family in Lative Beag to the west of Dingle, His parents were Patrick McKenna and Bridgie Galvin McKenna he had 3 brothers and one sister, Sean RIP, Fr Seamus, Hannah and Mike. Tomás made his way to Lative school every day walking true the fields of the family farm. He is a fluent Irish speaker having been brought up in a home where Irish was the spoken language and only learnt English in school. Tomás went on to secondary school in Colaiste Isogán Ballyvourney before heading to St Patricks college in Dublin where he qualified as a primary school teacher and went on to teach for 40 years 2 of which were in Wexford and the remainder in Currow national school. He married Eileen Shanahan in 1967 (50 Years) they have 4 children Brid, Padraig, NÓigin and Donnacha. Tomás always loved the gaelic football and was a tough competitor when playing for Dingle, Tralee and won a Dublin championship with St Pats. He played football for Kerry in both Minors and Juniors with the likes of Mick O'Connell. Tomás has a great passion for traditional singing and is well know for singing songs which were composed the late Garry McMahon such as Paddy Bawn. We are delighted to have Tomás as chairman of the West Limerick club where he regularly attend our monthly singing session with his 2 friends Christy Cronin and Patrick O'Sullivan and are known as the Three Euros.