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The welcome sign at Buffer's Cross.



The Endeavour Award plaque at the Pound Corner.



Aerial image of the village looking east towards Burton Park, taken in 2000.



The 'Welcome Kiosk' on the Burton Road.



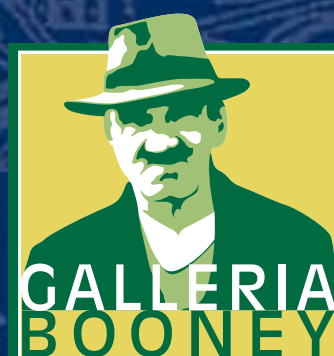
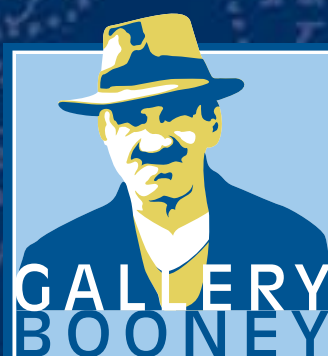
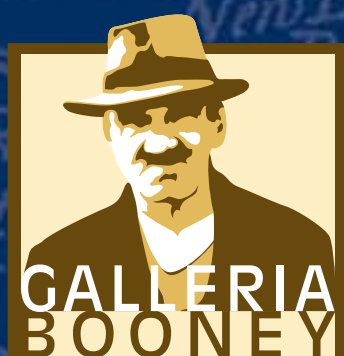
The 'Great Bull of Bruhenny', located on the Village Green.



The 10-metre high limestone obelisk erected at Bruhenny Village Green commemorating the Millennium, with Kerry Lane and the Market House to the rear.



The Cillín memorial and plaque at Mountridget was developed by Noel Linehan in memory of the unbaptised infants buried in the parish.



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The re-painting of George's Street took place in 1998 and the pictures show the before and the almost completed scheme. Mike Barry, Declan Freeney and Tony Dowling (below) are working on the painting of the O'Keeffe shop front.



One of a number of street signs erected by the Trust in 2000.



Landscaping at Burton Road.

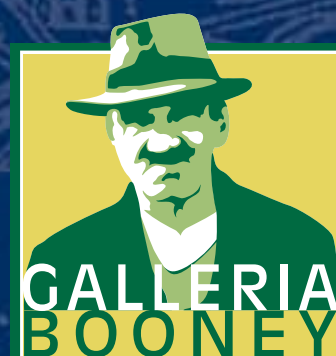
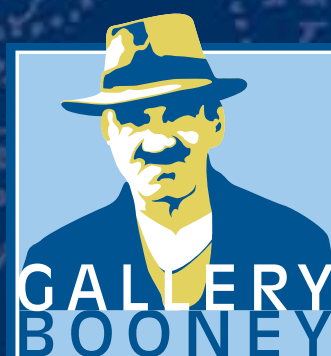
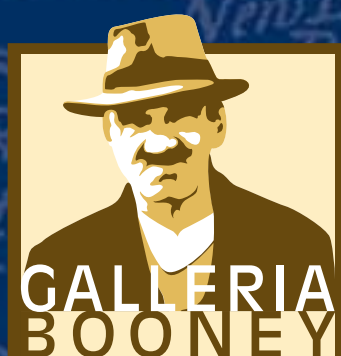


Churchtown village as it was in the 1970s (l-r): Christy Stack's house (now owned by Eleanor and Kieran Melican), Pad Relihan's house (now owned by Eileen Murphy), Gaffney's Butcher Shop and O'Brien's Bar.



Kerry Lane in 2005 with Radharc na Sléibhte to the left and Bruhenny to the right.

The George's Street entrance to the village from the Black Road. This village entrance follows the Georgian design pattern of a narrowed street widening to reveal a village square, even though the centre, in this case, is more like a triangle.



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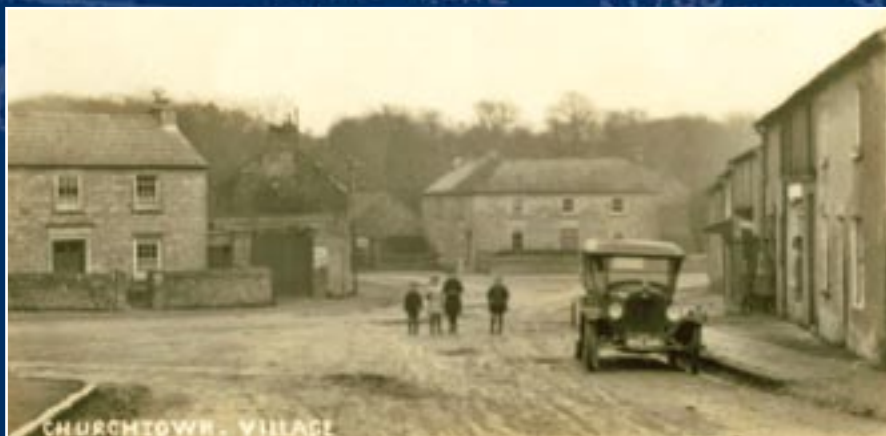
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A Burmah petrol pump but no cars in 1973! Flannery's sold petrol for many years but the service was discontinued during the Jerry O'Sullivan era.



A village scene from the 1960s with Denny and Susie O'Sullivan and postman Condy O'Mahony (with bicycle) to the right and Patrick Coghlan's VW to the left.



Postcard from the 1920s.



Flannery's dominated the village in this 1960s photograph.

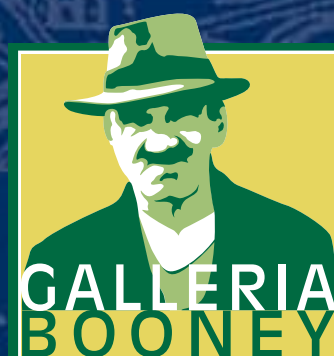
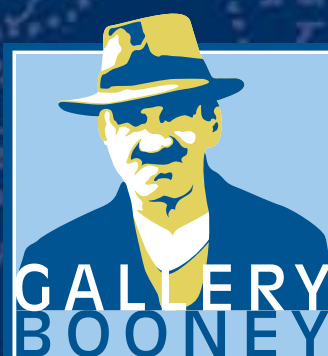
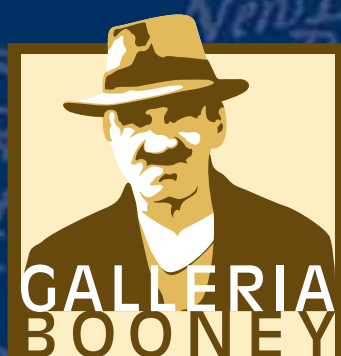


Aerial photograph from a frosty morning in the 1960s.



The Cloughaun Dallaun standing stone at Leap.

Saint Brigid's Well is located at Mountbridget.



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Christmas 2000 in the snow in Churchtown.



A tributary of the Awbeg River at Leap.



The Red Churchtown marble stone located at the 'low pump' or the Pound Corner.



Annagh Bridge, completed in 1811 by William Flynn at a cost of £69 2s 7 1/2d



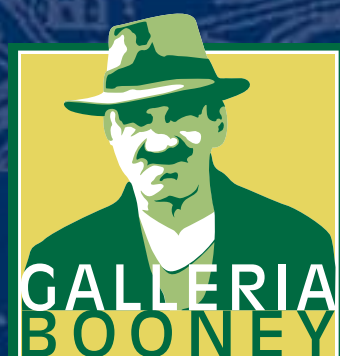
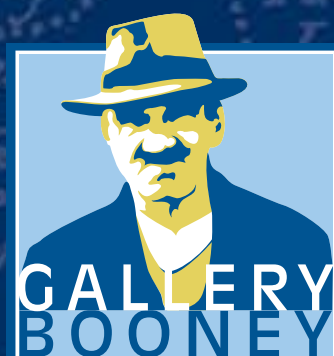
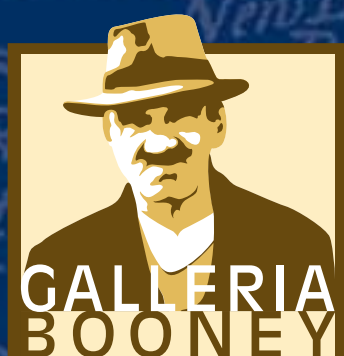
Imogane Bridge, known to some as the Wishing Bridge.



The three-arched Scart Bridge at the north-eastern boundary of Churchtown and Ballyhea parishes.



The Awbeg River sign erected by the Trust at Dennehy's Bridge (also known as Shinanagh Bridge) on the eastern boundary of the parish with Ballyhea.



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The Parson's House in the centre of Churchtown village, now owned by the Sampson family.



Egmont House, as it stood in 2005. Now owned by the Sherlock family, it is also associated with the Perceval family.



Market House in 1997 before its restoration and, below, after restoration in 2000.



Simcox's House at Christmas 2000.



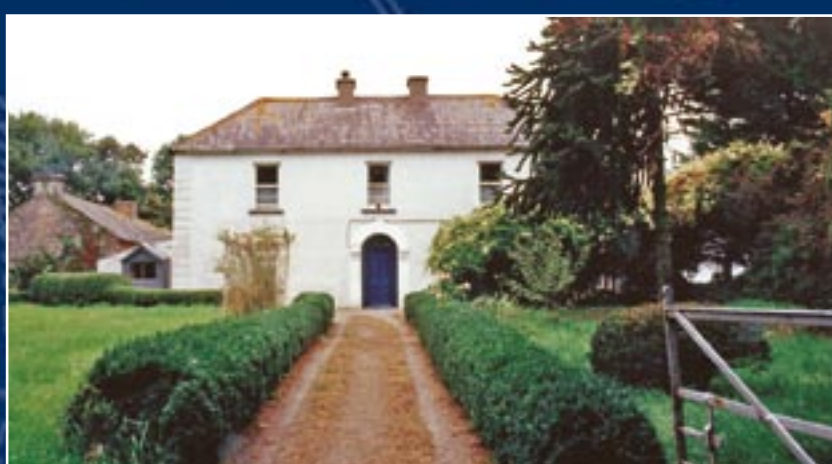
Mountcorbitt House, ancestral home of R. A. Anderson and the O'Brien sisters, now home of the Culloty family.



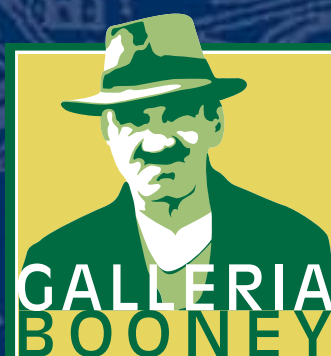
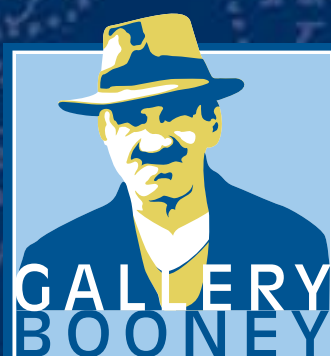
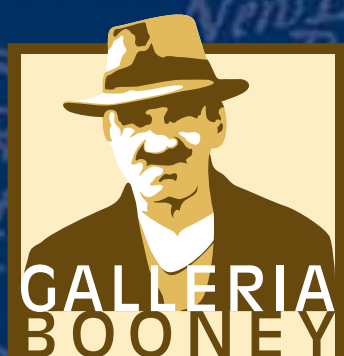
Churchtown House.



The Windmill was used for grinding corn and operated at Rath in the late 1600s.



The home of the Murphys of Leap.



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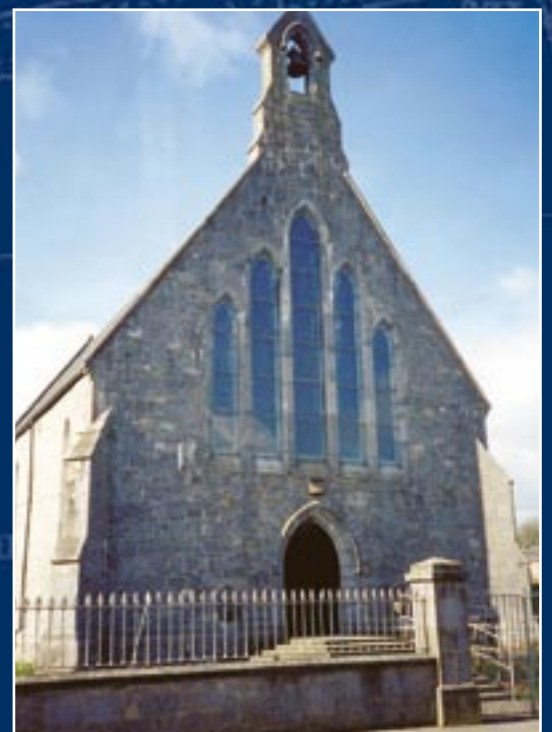
The current Burton House was rebuilt in the 1700s and is regarded as a fine example of Palladian architecture.



An image of the first Burton Park building, destroyed in 1690 by the Jacobites.



Entrance to Bruhenny village graveyard.



St Nicholas' Churchtown was completed in 1839 under the ministry of Reverend David O'Leary.



Annagh Church cross c. 1600, now located at St Nicholas' churchyard.



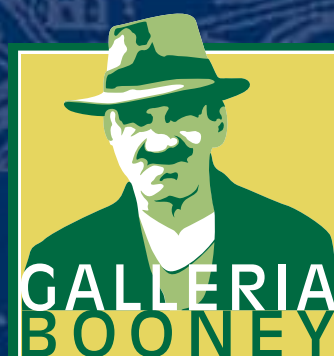
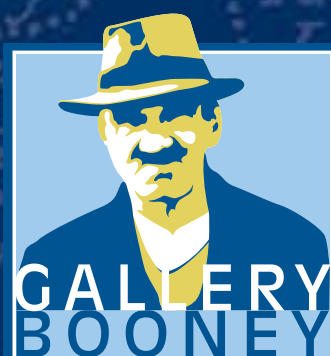
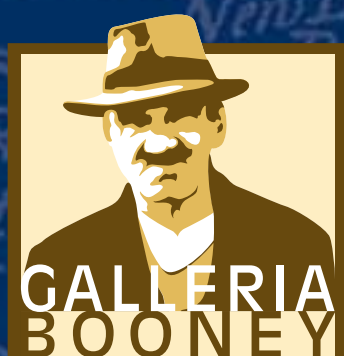
The ruins of the original pre-Reformation church at Bruhenny graveyard.



The sacred vessels from Maryfield Church, now in St James' in Mallow.



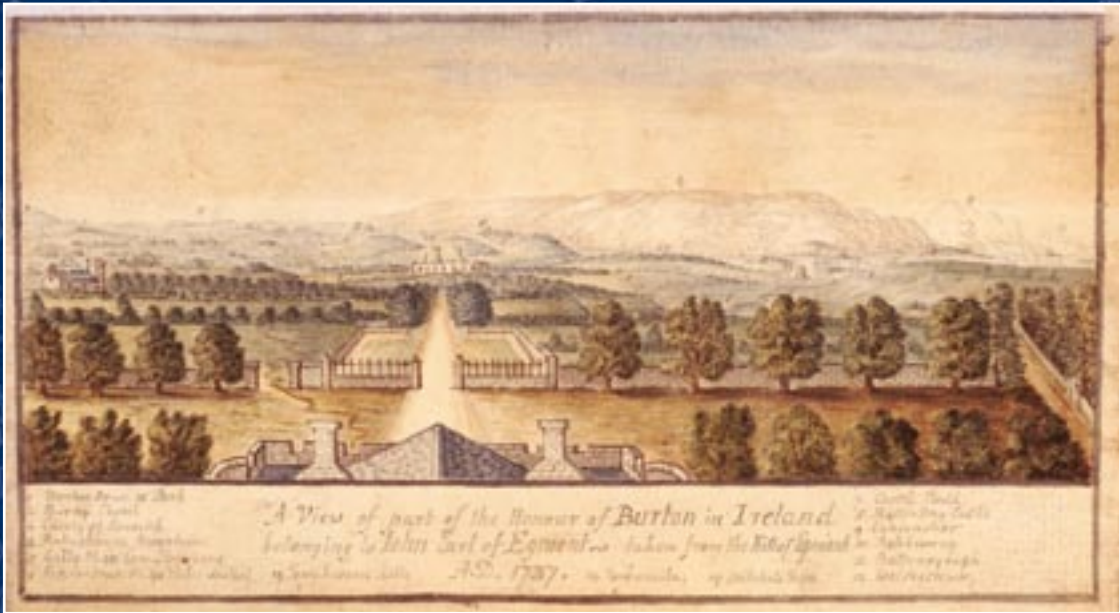
Bruhenny village graveyard. The pathway was laid by Noel Linehan on behalf of the Trust in 2003. Note Oliver Reed's grave to the left.



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The Community Centre before and after its restoration in 1998-2000.



The original watercolour painted in 1737 entitled 'A view of part of the Honour of Burton in Ireland' measures 8" by 4" and is held by the British Library. The watercolour captures the view from Egmont House, now owned by the Sherlock family. The caption under the illustration reads as follows: 1) Burton House & Park, 2) Burton Church, 3) County of Limerick, 4) Ballaghoura Mountains, 5) Galty M in Co Tipperary, 6) Sliavemish M. 40 miles distant, 7) Castle Dodd, 8) Ballinliny Castle, 9) Cahirnoher, 10) Aghburren, 11) Ballynegragh, 12) Welshestown.

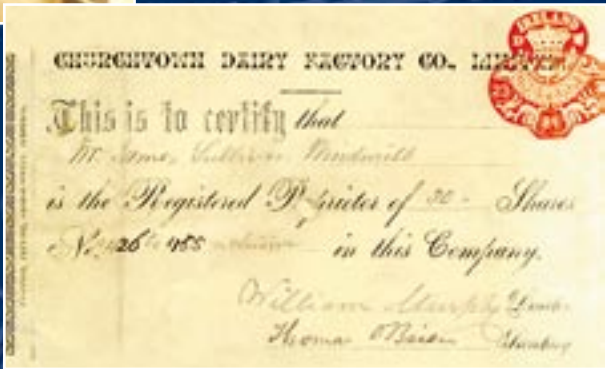


Denny Fisher and Bill O'Flynn on the last day that Churchtown Creamery operated on 31st December 1982.

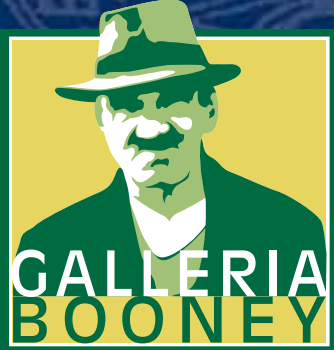
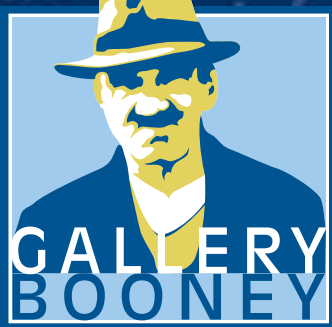
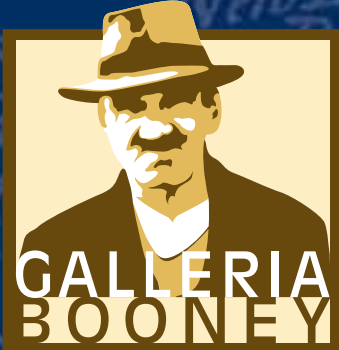
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Annagh	Arable woody bog & rough low land & bog pasture	3 3 4	133 - 0 - 00 359 - 3 - 20 110 - 3 - 08 84 - 3 - 23
Callioagh & Killogh	Arable mostly marshy land	3	121 - 3 - 08 29 - 1 - 00 231 - 3 - 10
Carrageene	Arable low land	3	160 - 3 - 16 40 - 3 - 23 197 - 3 - 00
Colemore	Arable	3	107 - 3 - 00
Granard	Arable	3	168 - 3 - 00
Ballyvaghine	Arable low land	3	76 - 0 - 37 8 - 3 - 00 84 - 3 - 23
Rath	Arable	3	168 - 3 - 00
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Clasganif	Arable low land	3	110 - 3 - 24 48 - 3 - 18 162 - 3 - 00

Part of Moland's survey of Ballintemple [Churchtown] 1702.

A share certificate dated 23rd May 1889 from the Churchtown Dairy Factory Co. Ltd which operated Churchtown Creamery. The certificate bears a one penny official stamp and is signed by William [Boss] Murphy and Thomas O'Brien.



The Bronze Age axe head, found in the parish in the 1920s, is evidence of settlement going back 4,000 years.



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Willy O'Keeffe, on holiday from Dublin in 1955, on a hay float.



Haymaking at Leap in 1954.



Patrick Dunlea, Willy O'Keeffe and Tom Murphy at Walshestown in the 1950s.



The Kavanagh family enjoying a break from haymaking at Coolmore.



A threshing scene from Churchtown in the 1940s, with Jimmy Roche, owner of the threshing machine, in the centre.



The Boys' School, c.1904, with Tom O'Brien of O'Brien's Bar (third from right in front row) with teacher Tom Tierney.



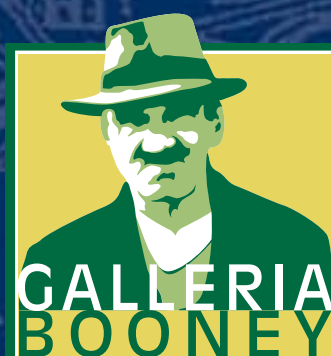
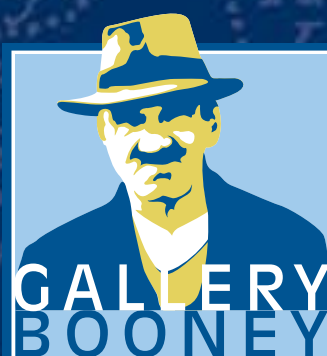
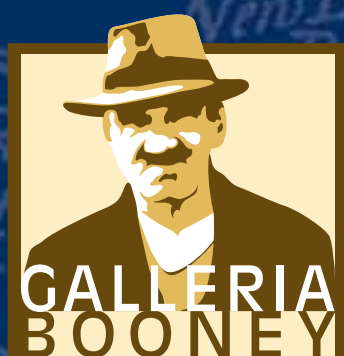
Tom Wall, principal of Churchtown National School for 20 years and Margaret Wall, teacher at Churchtown National School for over 38 years.



The pupils of Churchtown NS in 1951 with headmaster Thomas Wall.



Churchtown NS Boys Confirmation Class, 1967. Front row (l-r): Pat Keating, Donal Cronin, James Roche, William Keating, Francis Gaffney and Thomas Gaffney. Middle row (l-r): Gerry McMahon, William Relihan, Jim Breen, Pat Murphy, Gerry Heffernan, John Cronin, Anthony McMahon, John Corkery, Denis Egan and Ben Dorney. Back row (l-r): Sean O'Leary, Ted Buckley, Gerry Murphy and headmaster Pat Collins.



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The 1929 Churchtown GAA North Cork Novice Hurling champions. The panel includes Tim 'Thady' Buckley (Captain), Jim Cahalane, Dick Galligan, Frank Flannery, John Flannery, Billy Fitzpatrick, Tim Hedigan, Jim Kearney, Dave Manning, Frank O'Brien, Mick O'Keeffe, Paddy O'Keeffe, Pat M. O'Keeffe, Tom O'Keeffe, Maurice O'Mahony, Dan Relihan, Bill Relihan, Pad Relihan and Nat Simcox. The officials connected with the Club's success included Thomas Wall, NT (Chairman), Tom Treacy, (Vice-Chairman) and Jack O'Mahony (Secretary).



Churchtown GAA Football team and supporters from the 1940s, including Paddy O'Keeffe, T.J. Costelloe, Mick Relihan, Denis O'Leary, Bill Egan, Sean Twomey, Tim Lynch (CastlemacCarthy), John Fehan, Billy O'Keeffe, Jackie Flynn, Jack Murphy, Joe Fisher, Denny O'Leary, Mick Murphy, Micky O'Sullivan, Mick Howard, Christy Stack, Johnny Egan and others.



The Churchtown GAA North Cork Novice Hurling champions in 1969. The victorious panel was Paddy Behan, John Bowles, Mick Carey, Paddy Joe Cronin, Paudie Doyle, Joe Egan, Patsy Flynn, Gerry Hallihan, Ned Hawe, Donie Jewitt, Michael McMahon (Captain), Paddy Joe McMahon, Pakie Morrissey, Jim O'Brien, Mossie O'Callaghan, Kevin O'Leary, Denis O'Mahony, Paddy Joe O'Mahony, Billie O'Sullivan, Danny Relihan and Tan Simcox.



Under-14s Hurling team, winners of North Cork in 1961. Back row (l-r): Ned Dorney (Selector), John Doyle, Paddy Joe O'Mahony, Mikey Browne, Seamus ('Pop') McMahon, Pat Larkin, Ned O'Donovan, Michael McMahon and Maurice O'Mahony (Trainer). Front (l-r): Jerry Horgan, Thomas O'Brien, Kevin O'Leary, Tan Simcox, Donie O'Sullivan, Tommy Dwane, Denis O'Mahony, and John O'Connell. Mascot: Ben Dorney. Missing from picture: Eddie O'Donovan, Johnny Horgan and Denis Linehan.

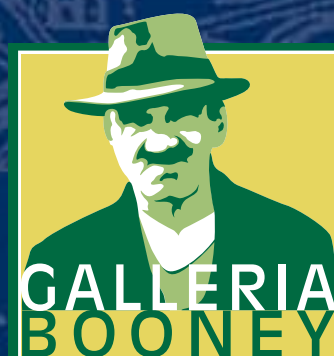
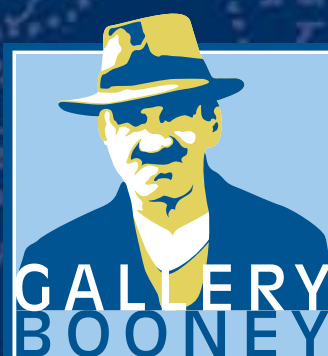
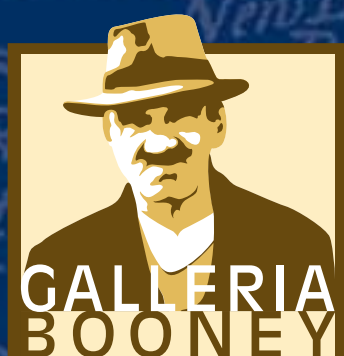


Under-14s Football champions, 1985. Front row (l-r): Robert Murphy, Pdraig Morrissey, Tony O'Flaherty, Maurice O'Sullivan, James O'Sullivan, and Dan Jones. Middle row (l-r): Paul Carey, Christopher Scott, Declan Crowley, Michael Doyle, Adrian Corbett (Capt), Philip Sweeney, Dermot Carroll, Pat O'Connell. Back row (l-r): Ned Dorney, John Carroll, Michael Sheahan, James Crowley, Robert Dorney, Kevin O'Leary, Patrick O'Connor, Michael Lynch, John Gaffney, William Murphy and Michael Murphy.



North Cork Junior Hurling champions, 2004. Front row (l-r): Eoin Butler, Michael McMahon, Thomas O'Flaherty, Colm Conroy, Tony O'Flaherty (Captain), Thomas O'Brien, Michael Doyle, John Quinn, Thomas Fehan, Nat Simcox, Brian Quinn and Kieran Curtin. Back row (l-r): John Breen, John Matthews, David O'Brien, Pat McMahon, Anthony McMahon, John Howard, Kieran Brennan, Brian O'Donovan, Noel Quinn, Pdraig Morrissey, Diarmuid Fisher, Joe Delee, Paul McMahon, Michael O'Halloran, Kieran Sullivan, Henry Greensmith, William Relihan and Daniel Relihan.

Minister for Arts, Sports & Tourism turning the sod for the new spectator stand and dressing rooms at the GAA complex on Kerry Lane on 23rd January 2001: (l-r) Dan Joe Fitzgerald MCC, Gerry Murphy, Minister McDaid, Michael Moynihan TD, Jim Quinn, Bertie Hawe, Cathal Hawe and Willie Joe Condon.



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'Cottage Rake' with Aubrey Brabazon in the saddle.



Bessie Cowhey, Churchtown House, with 'Loch Lomond', winner of the Irish Derby on 19th July 1919 at the Curragh.



Ned Fitzgerald, Leap at Flannery's Egmont Stud in the 1970s.



John Fehan leading in a victorious 'Nick Dundee' at Clonmel on 8th November 1997 with William O'Sullivan in the saddle. In the background: Ann, Thomas, Denis Jnr., Jack O'Flaherty and Denis Fehan.



Churchtown Point-to-Point race card, 1924.



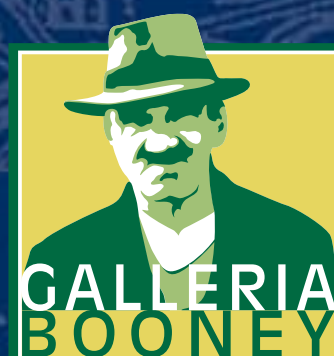
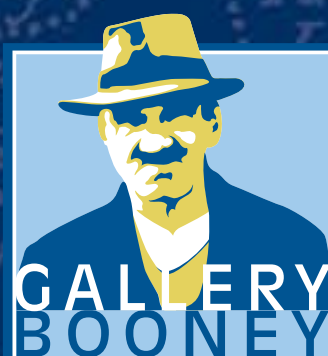
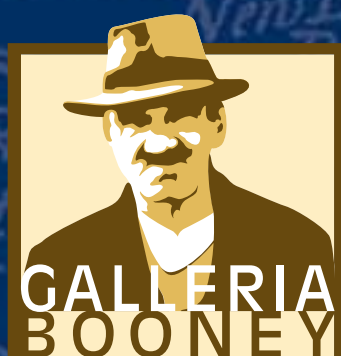
'Deep Romance', owned by Peter O'Sullivan of Cullig, a winner at Gowran Park and Wexford.



Denis 'Booney' O'Sullivan, grandfather of Eileen Ahern-O'Connor, with 'Old Friend'.



Autographed menu from the dinner held on 12th January 1949 at the Imperial Hotel in Charleville to commemorate the victory of 'Cottage Rake' in the Cheltenham Gold Cup and 'Hot Spring' in the Irish Cesarewitch.



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President Mary McAleese's car arrives at the Community Centre on Kerry Lane on 14th July 2000 for her official visit.



Michelle Bourke presents a bouquet of flowers to President McAleese on behalf of the pupils of Churchtown National School.



The official greeting party for the President in July 2000. Front row (l-r): Gerry Murphy, Fr Patrick J. Twohig, PP, President McAleese, Eileen Ahern-O'Connor, Mary Howard and Peggy O'Flaherty. Back row (l-r): Noel Linehan, Margaret O'Brien, Bosco Thompson, Ina Bourke, Pat Murphy, Sean Howard, Martin McAleese and John Sampson.



President McAleese meets the FÁS team who have beautified the village and renovated the Community Centre.



Father Patrick J. Twohig greets the President.



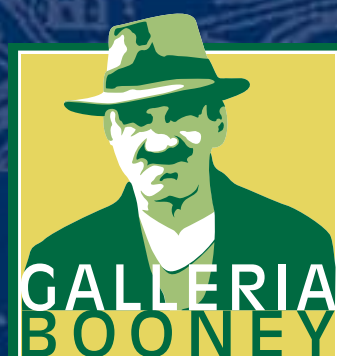
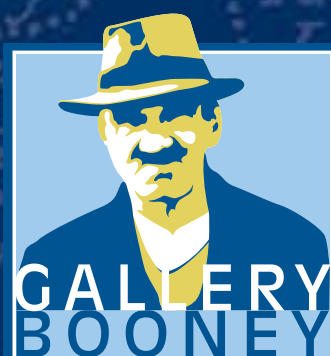
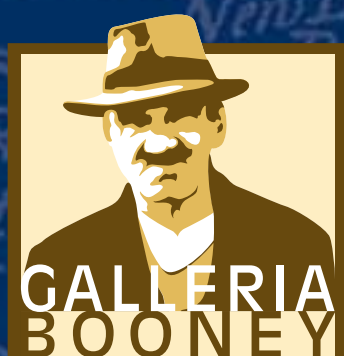
The President mingled with the crowd while the Bruhenny Choral Group, led by Mary Wilson, sang 'Danny Boy' in the background.



The President meets Mary O'Connor with Mary Howard and John Sampson in the background.



John Condon, Patsy Flynn and Billy Ring – with Brian Quinlan, Enterprise Ireland in the background – awaiting the President.



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Canon Hayes, founder of Muintir na Tíre, addressing a large public meeting in the early 1950s outside the Community Centre in Churchtown.



Churchtown Carnival, organised by the Muintir na Tíre, held a fancy dress parade annually. Agnes Murphy, Mary O'Connor and Clara Madden preparing for the Fancy Dress Parade in June 1966.



A Muintir na Tíre Fancy Dress Parade from the 1950s.



A group of community volunteers in the 1950s.



Men at arms 1924: (l-r) Sean O'Mahony, Sean O'Keeffe and Denis O'Leary.



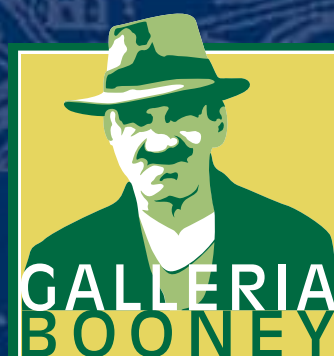
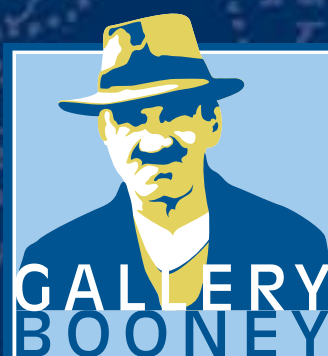
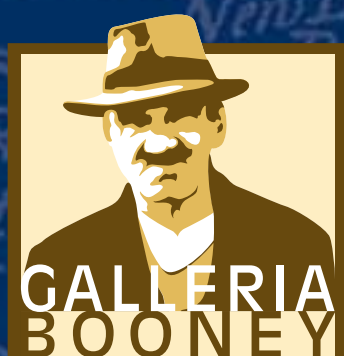
Mick Lynch, Ben Fehin, Mick Connors and Pad Relihan playing darts in O'Keeffe's in the 1950s.



Robert Andrew Anderson, first secretary and organiser of the Co-Operative Movement, was born at Mountcorbitt.



Tom O'Brien overlooking the planting of one of seven commemorative trees in Churchtown village on the 50th anniversary of the Easter Rising.



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The night Jerry O'Sullivan's pub closed for the last time in 1992: (l-r) Patsy Quinn, John Keane, Jerry O'Sullivan, Michael Hasset Egan, Francis Carroll and Pat O'Connor.



Jerry Sullivan's pub during a visit by 'the Canadian' (Denis O'Sullivan) in the early 1970s. Denis organised a Dublin-based harpist to entertain the customers: (l-r) Harpist, Pad Relihan (with pint glass), Mary Buckley, Bill O'Callaghan, Dan Buckley, Denis O'Sullivan and Denny 'Booney' O'Sullivan.



Local Postman Pakie Murphy and Mary Kate in the late 1950s.



Hannah Maria Murphy having baked a griddle cake at her home in George's Street in the early 1970s.



Pad's House c. 1969. The second house west of the Pound Corner, now owned by Eileen Murphy: (l-r) Paddy Joe O'Mahony, Pad Relihan, Betty Watson, Frankie Doyle and Paudie Doyle.



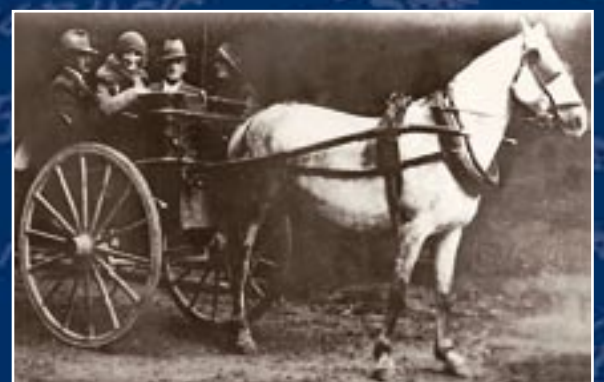
McNamara's Band, 1947: (l-r): Simon Keane, Richie Flynn, Jackie Flynn, Patrick Irwin, Pakie Murphy, Jim McGill and Paddy Flynn.



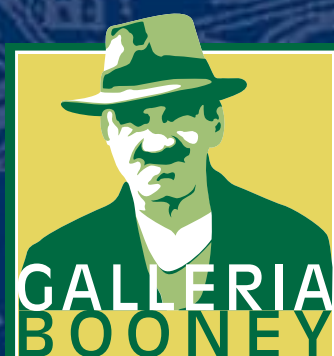
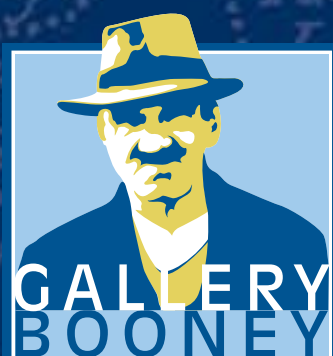
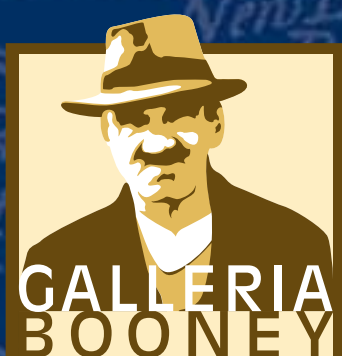
The Belles of Churchtown with Jim Sampson at a gymkhana in the 1950s organised as part of Churchtown Carnival: (l-r) Myra Aherne, Eileen O'Keefe and Trassa Greeehy (visiting from Buttevant) and (front row) Lily McGill and Mairead Sampson.



John 'Boss' Murphy (1875-1955) is in the back row of a family portrait taken in the early years of the 20th century. His sister Margaret (1874-1913) is on the left and Bridget (1870-1919) is to his right. His father William 'Boss' Murphy (1831-1911) poses in the front row with his daughter Mary (1872-1960) and his second wife, Margaret Bourke (1836-1910) from Newtownshandrum.



Heading from Leap to the village for Mass in a horse and trap in the 1930s: (l-r) John Murphy with his cousins Nora O'Dea (nee Cullinan) and her brother Charlie Cullinan and John's wife Margaret.



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Denny and Susie Booney at their front door.



The Booney House in August 1955.



The Booney House (O'Sullivan's), with Hannie in the doorway and Maurice Mahony and his first cousin Denny Booney (right) in conversation, 1974.



Before the restoration began in 1998...

...as the restoration of the original house was completed in 2000. An extension to the right of the original house was added in 2004-2006.



Susie with Lil Costello.

Denis J Hickey

Historian and compiler of *The Annals of Churchtown* was raised by the O'Sullivan 'Booney' family in this house from 1942 to 1953

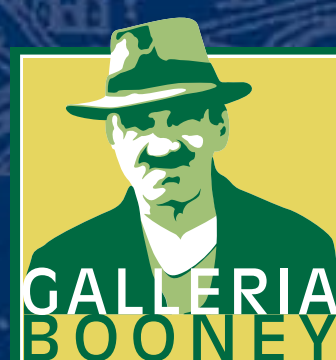
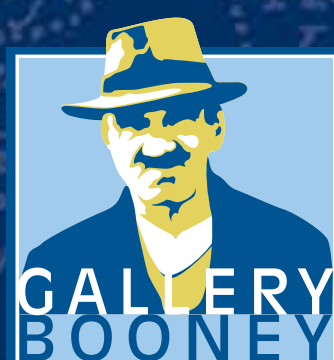
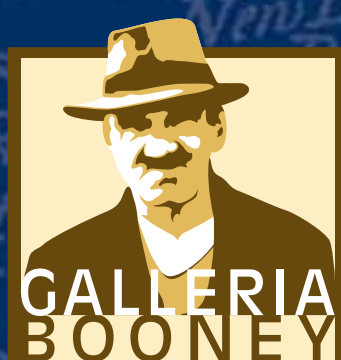
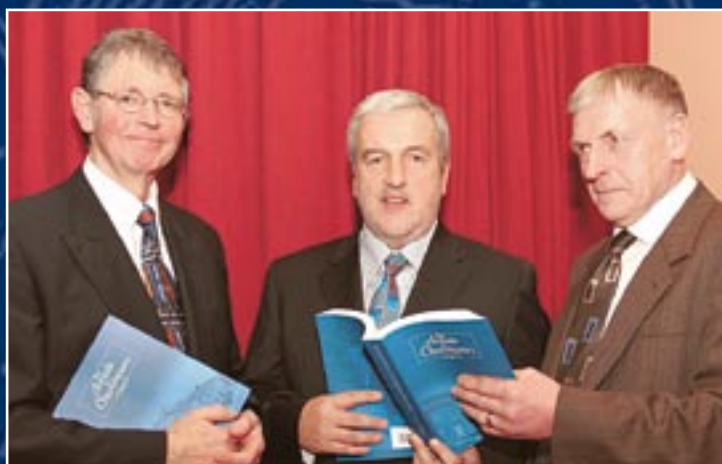


A plaque to Denis J Hickey who was raised in this house.

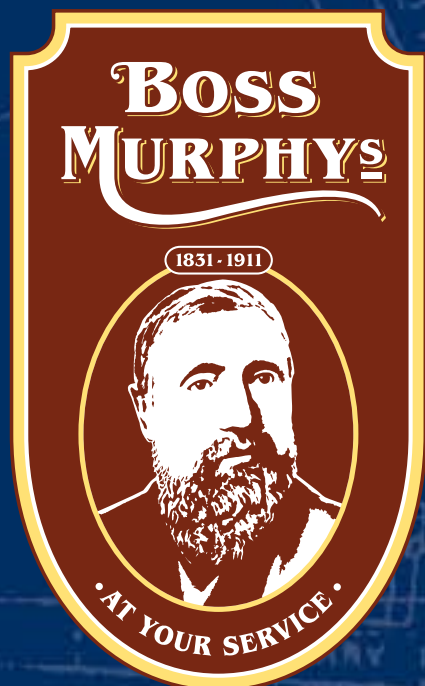


Denny shaking on a deal at Cahirmee Fair.

Denis Hickey, Gerry Murphy and Noel Linehan on 10th December 2005 at the launch of *The Annals of Churchtown*.



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One of many signposts dotting the seven *Churchtown Trails* sponsored by Boss Murphy's.



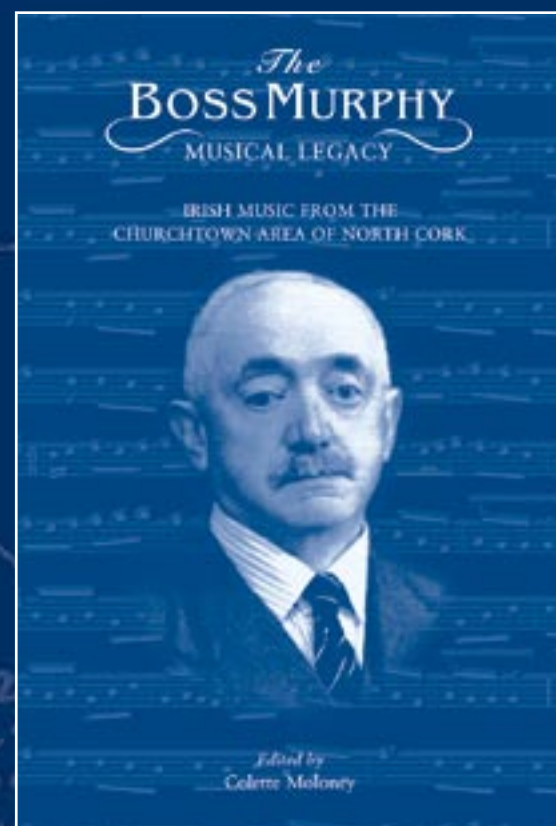
A press advertisement in the *Vale Star* for Boss Murphy's.



Cover of *Boss Murphy's Spirit of Cork* CD launched in 1998.



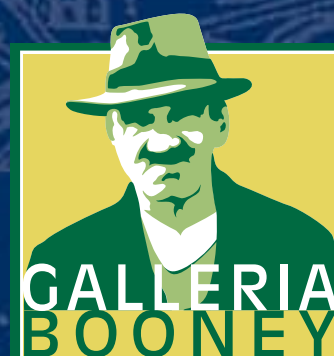
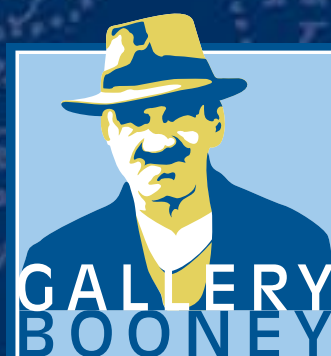
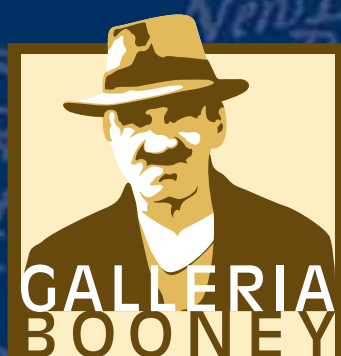
Boss Murphy mugs!



The Boss Murphy Musical Legacy published in 2004.



The short-lived Boss Murphy's at Kaiserstrasse 202 in Dortmund, Germany which opened and closed in 1999.



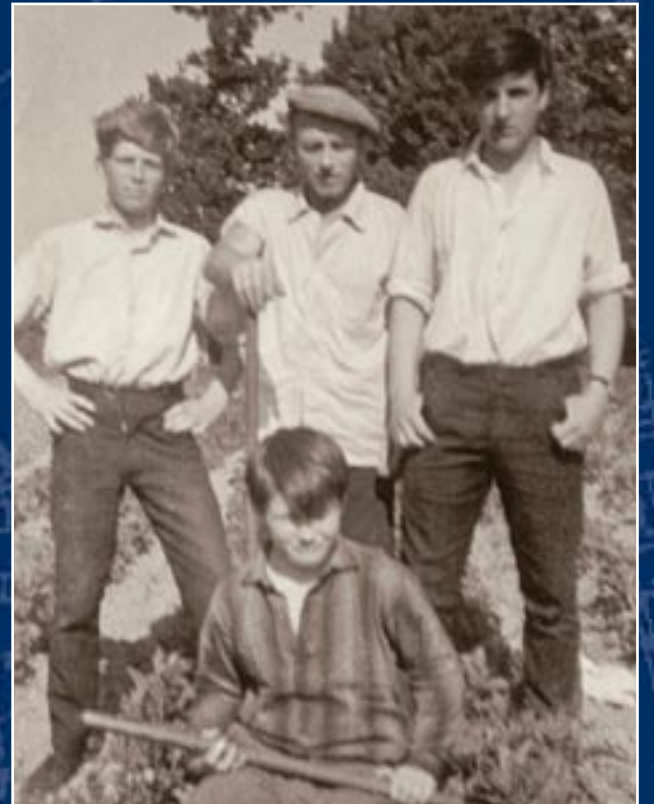
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Nora Murphy holding Gerry Murphy in August 1954.



Gerry Murphy and pony in 1964.



Pat Murphy, Pad Relihan, Gerry and Michael Murphy at work in the Leap.



Jack Murphy and the Lord Mayor of Cork with Gerry and Niamh Murphy in 1998 at the launch of Boss Murphy's Spirit of Cork CD in Cork City.



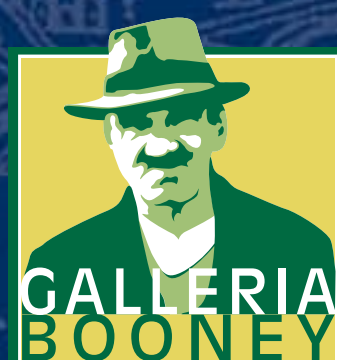
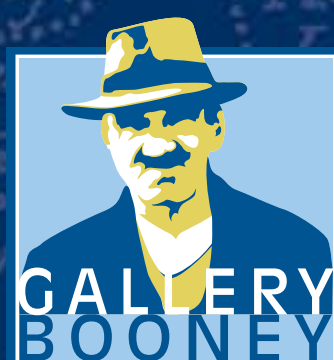
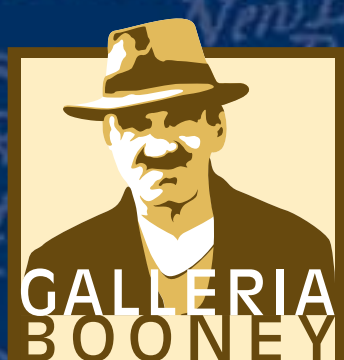
Willy O'Keeffe with Bill Murphy and Paddy and Mick O'Keeffe up for the match in the 1950s with Nelson's Pillar in the background.



John Murphy reciting from his booklet *The Extra-Magnificent Yeti*.



The official photograph after the presentation of Cork Person of the Year 2001.



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A Christmas card from Churchtown.



The Evening Echo article in 1997 that led to the foundation of the Churchtown Village Renewal Trust.



The Great Bull of Bruhenny, part of the Churchtown Sculpture Trail.



The first black-tie party in Boss Murphy's on 25th September 1999.



Maurice Gilbert and Gerry Murphy as the first sods were turned at the Bruhenny site in May 2000.

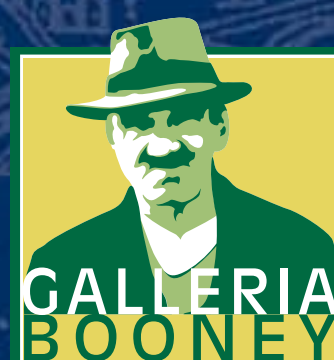
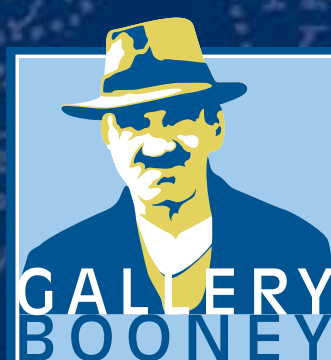
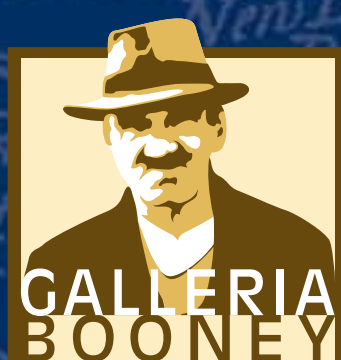


Noel Linehan who founded the Ballyhoura Ramblers with Bill Egan on the accordion.

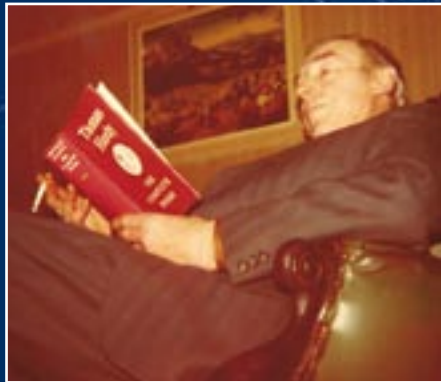
GreatGas flags flying at the Market House in March 2006.



The Trustees of the Churchtown Village Renewal Trust in December 2005. Margaret O'Brien, Eileen Ahern-O'Connor, Peggy O'Flaherty, Noel Linehan and Gerry Murphy.



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Far from the madding crowd! Bill Murphy (1916-84) of Leap. Taken in 1977.



Sister Celeste (Ina Bowe) after receiving an MBE from Queen Elizabeth in June 1975 pictured with her brother Jim and his wife Kathleen outside Buckingham Palace.



Tom and Angela O'Brien in the mid-1970s.



Bill and Kathleen O'Flynn, Rath. Bill was a long time employee at Churchtown Creamery.



The White Horse Inn, as Costelloe's was known because of the horse over the door: (l-r) David Hickey, Dick Donovan, Billy O'Keeffe, Lil Costelloe, David Hickey (cousin of the other David) and John Pat Murphy.



A selection of the guests at the special 400th anniversary dinner of O'Sullivan Beare's epic march of 1602-03. Included in the picture are Josephine and Walter Ryan-Purcell, Con O'Donovan, Dan Curtin and Bosco Thompson.



Gerry Murphy was presented with the Cork Person of the Year award by President Mary McAleese in 2001 at a ceremony in Cork. He was nominated for the award by Brian Crowley MEP (right) for his visionary rural renewal work at Churchtown.



Anita and Niamh O'Herlihy with Carmel Conroy who formed Nivita were tragically taken from us in a car accident on 27th October 1999.

Farewell from Churchtown and farewell from our Images of Churchtown.

