Creevelea Football Team mid-1950's
Back Row: Jack McGee, P P Gilhooly, Paddy Joe McGovern, Frankie McGowan, James Doherty, Terry Leydon, Frankie Rourke,
Middle Row: Sonny Flanagan, Vinny McMorrow, Sean Sexton, Al Hamilton, Martin Connor, Hugh McMorrow.
Front Row: Micheál Cosgrove & Hugo McGowan

of Dromahair and the loss of players through emigration but a strong juvenile team was emerging.

See The Leitrim Observer 14 July 1956: *'North Leitrim Juvenile Championship Drumkeerin v Killargue*

The first round of the North Leitrim Championship opened when Killargue played Drumkeerin in Drumkeerin on 29th June. The standard of football in this opening match was wonderfully high. Some of these juveniles could give a lesson to junior and even seniors in catch and kick and general sportsmanship.

Drumkeerin on their home pitch beat Killargue by 4-3 to 1-1. Both teams gave a wonderful display before a big crowd of enthusiastic supporters. Scorers for the winners were: J. Leyden 3-1, P. Dougnan 1-0, H. McLoughlin 0-1, M. Devitt 0-1. Killargue scorers were: J. Banks 1-0, V. McKeown 0-1.
The Killargue Team:
John Sweeney (Creevelea), Peter O'Hagan (Killargue), Eamon Donohoe (Drumkeel), Michael Conway (Drumkeel), Michael Forde (Killargue), P. J. Travers (Drumkeel), Joe Feeney (Lugnaskeehan), John Kelly (Killargue), Vinnie McKeown (Killargue), Paddy McKeown (Killargue), Joe Harte (Killargue), Tom Sweeney (Drumkeel), Frank McHugh (Lugnaskeehan), Jim Boles (Killargue), Paddy McGowan (Creevelea);
Sub: T Donohoe (Drumkeel).
John McGourty was a capable referee.'

This is where my research draws a blank. It appears the club just quietly disbanded. The goal posts remained in the football field for a few years as if waiting for the players to return. That was not to be and we were left to have makeshift goal posts in our acre field as we played for hours and became Packie McGarty, Cathal Flynn, Josie Murray, Jimmy O'Donnell, Jim Lynch et al and won many all Irelands.

I remember the sadness in the parish when Fr Young departed in 1958. Would the club have continued if this pioneering priest hadn't been transferred? What if the juveniles had been kept together? We salute the memory of the team which gave great enjoyment to all the players who played for it and to the supporters from Creevelea, Killargue and beyond, who supported the dream throughout the mid-Fifties.

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The around to-its

Rhia Cunningham.

HI I'M BECKY. I would like you to meet my mum Camila, my dad Joe, my aunt and uncle Emma and Sam. Anyway that's the boring part. Ever since I was 2, I've been wondering what an 'around to-it' is. One day I went over to my Aunt and uncle's house. They had a big swimming pool in their garden. I put on a spare swim-suit, then I got in to the pool My aunt came out and said "Becky your uncle was waiting 10 years to get around to making this pool. On the way home I started to think about around to-it's. I can't believe it took uncle Sam 10 years to get 10 around to-its. It was my birthday 7days later and I got a big bike. But then it got a puncture in it. So I asked my mum if dad would be home soon. But she said dad was on a late shift but I'm sure he'll get around to-it though. A few minutes later Emma and Sam arrived. They said we've had our kitchen re-decorated we've being waiting to get around to-it for so long.

"Aunty Emma what does around to-it mean". At that minute my mum said: "me and your aunt are talking so if you want to be rude go to your room".

Oh! Why won't anyone listen to me?

Oh well! I'm not trying to find out about that. I just feel like shouting "What does around to-it mean?" at my mum. Three days later I found out what around to it means. It was such a great advantage for me

P.S. 'around to it' means that someone will soon do it!