

# Editorial

WELCOME TO the forty-second edition of the Leitrim Guardian.

This year's Guardian contains the usual treasure trove of well researched historical articles, pictorial records of events in the past year, a wide ranging poetry section—(according to our adjudicator, 'its our best ever!')—some true life stories, and a fine selection of short stories by local writers. Our youngest writer this year is eight year old Caoimhe Gallagher Lawson and the honour of being the oldest writer in the 2010 edition goes to Mr Thomas Kelly fom Keshcarrigan who is a very sprightly 92 years old.

This year we have the essential mix of Leitrim characters, who have both written for and been written about. There are some very interesting pieces of writing here. Check out the delightfully lyrical description by Tom Stokes, *p155* of their trip through North Leitrim as they head off on their Summer tour and Colin Regan's colourful account of his trip

to India. Another article of interest is Aiden Kelleher's recounting of a wonderful weekend re-union—*Gathering in the Spirit of Togetherness*. The *Guardian* celebrates all that is unique and endearing—all the wonderful quiriness and fun that has been a much loved feature of life here in Leitrim. It's always been a place where the kind and approving word was often spoken, human error was easily and quickly forgiven and people didn't take themselves too seriously.

We at the *Leitrim Guardian* hope that we have given a snapshot of these charming individuals and aspects of Leitrim—keeping that lovely side of life alive through the pages of this magazine.

*Tá foireann an Leitrim Guardian bródúil as ár scríbhneoirí óga agus sheana.*

*Go mbaine sibh taitneamh as iris na bliana seo.*

Myra Reynolds  
*Editor*

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