

## A Selection of Recent Local Publications

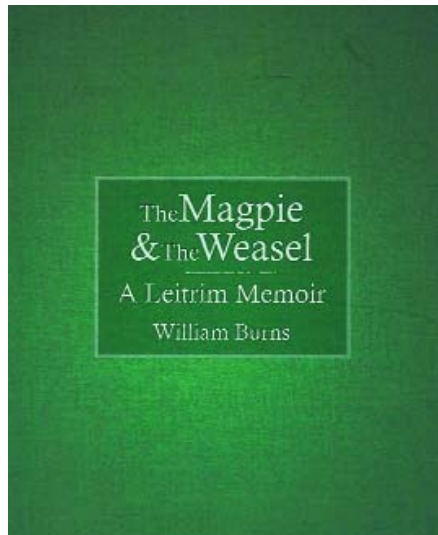
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*Most of these items are on sale at Leitrim Genealogy Centre, Ballinamore*

### The Magpie & the Weasel

*A Leitrim Memoir by William Burns*

The Magpie and the Weasel is a beautifully written Leitrim memoir by a most extraordinary man, William Burns. William was born in 1919 near Ballinamore County Leitrim. He is now 93 years of age. William recounts his life from childhood, school days, to farm life with its customs and traditions and to working on the Cavan Leitrim Railway. It will be of interest to people who would like to recall their own way of life which has changed so much, to readers who wish to find out more about bygone days, to the social history student who is interested in the customs of the area and to the general reader for the pure delight of the story itself! There is a wonderful appendix where William lists all the houses and shops in Ballinamore in 1927.



book is choc-a bloc with new and old photographs of people, groups and events associated with Aughnasheelin hall during the past 100 years.

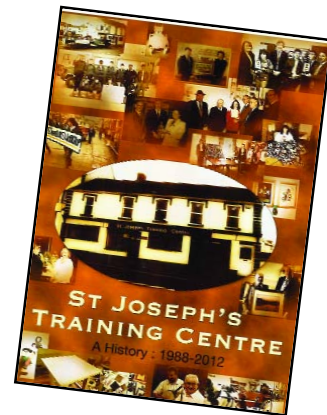
### St Joseph's Training Centre:

*A history 1988-2012*

This publication reports on how St Joseph's Centre

in Carrick-on-Shannon came into being and evolved over the past number of decades.

St Joseph's prides itself in quality education and training for young members of the Travelling Community in our County Town. This booklet celebrates the progress of the Centre, the dedication of its staff and achievements of its students since 1988. St. Joseph's Centre is a fine example of cooperation, collaboration and mutual respect and this book portrays this in word and image. Especially interesting is a double page spread exhibiting items expertly created by trainees of the Centre.



### Aughnasheelin Hall 1912-2012

*by Liam Kelly*

In this book Fr Liam Kelly recounts the history of the community hall that has been the centre of Aughnasheelin Parish for the past century. It documents

the activities in the hall from the very first stone laid, to present day. It includes many photographs and memorabilia from down through the years. It also contains newspaper advertisements for various events particularly dances and céilí; concerts, bazaars and meetings. The



### Augharan National School

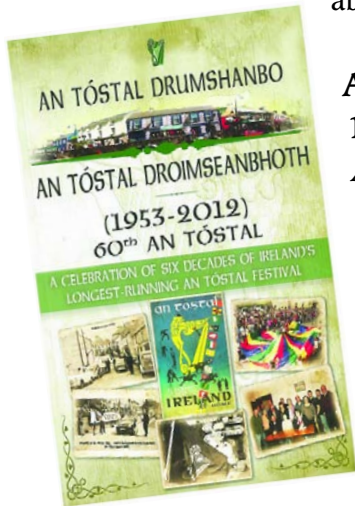
*A History of Education Spanning Two Centuries 1855-1969*

by Thomas O'Rourke

This is an important and well researched book coinciding with the Augharan National School Reunion held in August. It takes a trip with past pupils as they recall their memories of being a pupil of Augharan



National School. This bumper book is full of photographs and other memorabilia about the School and of its pupils, some as famous as the late author John McGahern. This book would be a very welcome gift for family or friends with South Leitrim roots who are living abroad this Christmas time.



**An Tóstal Drumshanbo  
1953-2012**

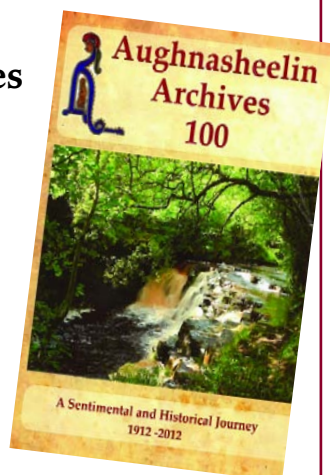
*A Celebration of Six Decades  
of Ireland's Longest Running  
An Tóstal Festival*

Drumshanbo's Festival Committee can proudly boast that it is the longest running An Tóstal festival in the country as it spans over six decades. This 60th Anniversary commemorative book provides a fascinating account of the tradition, culture, heritage and talent associated with An Tóstal. The book chronicles the various An Tóstal Festivals down through the years, it records the names of those who officially opened the Festivals, hoisted the flag or who became the 'Festival Queen's' and much, much more. This book will jog many happy memories of organisers, competitors and spectators alike.

**Aughnasheelin Archives  
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*A Sentimental and  
Historical Journey 1912-  
2012*

As the title suggests this book relates a sentimental and historical journey witnessed by the people of the Aughnasheelin and surrounding area during the past hundred years. It chronicles interesting happenings, events and developments in the area, many of which are extracts from Leitrim Observer newspaper. These include Water Schemes; IFA; ICA; Rural Electrification; Afforestation; Church Reconstruction; Football teams, Politics to name but a few.



*We will miss you Gran*

CAOIMHE GALLAGHER LAWSON

Age 11

Creevelea NS

**We will miss you  
Everything is different now**

**Whenever I see birds  
I think of you  
Listening to their call  
Loving the way they glide**

**Many memories of you  
Include me  
Sitting at your bedside  
Smiling while you chat about  
the best nurses**

**You were great to us  
Opened the door to any visitor  
Up there in the sky, I hope  
you'll be happy**

**Good Bye**

**A NIGHT OF STARS**

*Isabelle Jane Keehan*

Age 9

*Ardvarney NS*

**I watched out the window one night  
and saw a  
shooting star.  
Was it Venus or Mars?  
Then I saw the first star appear.  
I looked very closely at the moon.  
It was a full moon and shining bright  
Then loads of stars started to  
appear**