Celebrating Leitrim's Connacht title in 1994: Tony McGowan (Chairman), Ciaran Mahon, Timmy Moran (Secretary), Jimmy O'Connor, Ollie Honeyman (Selector), Aidan Rooney & Seamus Quinn.

all of the activities with which Tommy has been associated. In the 1960s when the showbands and the big dance halls were in full swing, he was manager of the famous Ivy Leaf ballroom in Fenagh and booked all the bands. In this way he got to know all of the bands and singers. He took part in Ballinamore Musical Society productions and even produced their musical one year. More recently he was involved with the BBC (Ballinamore Bachelors Club) in their various productions and with their BBSee TV. In the early 1970s the Ballinamore Wrenboys, organized by Josie Cryan, achieved national fame. They won the overall award at the finals in Listowel on a couple of occasions and Tommy won 'King of the Wrenboys' on one occasion. Tommy was also PRO of Ballinamore Summer Festival for some years, and he also spent years as an instructor in First Aid and Wardens Service with Leitrim Civil Defence. He is PRO of Ballinamore Golf Club, although he is a non-golfer and he has also been involved with Ballinamore Credit Union. Tommy has received many awards for his work from many organizations including 'Guest of Honour' of the Leitrim Society of New York in 1992.

Clann agus Pósadh

Tommy married Bridie McGovern from Aughawillan in 1973. They have four children, Maureen, who lives in Paris and Garrett, Eamon and Aoife, all of whom now work in Dublin.

Níl anseo ach cur síos gearr ar an méid oibre atá déanta ag Tomás Ó Móráin agus má tharlaíonn se go mbeidh 'Leitrim Man of the Century' le bronnadh amach anseo, beidh Tomás amach chun tosaigh don gradam sin.

Tommy Moran on one of his many refereeing assignments in Croke Park

Pictured at the Rosie O'Grady Golf Classic in New York: Mike Carty, Joe Gormley, Seamus Wyrnn, Pat Murray & Tommy Moran. One of the beneficiaries of the Classic is Rehabcare, Ballinamore.

Fr Gus Leaden talking to Paschal Mooney at the launch of the Leitrim Guardian

BREAK WITH THE PAST

THE LEITRIM GUARDIAN suffered another break with its past in June 2003 with the death of former editor Father Augustine Leaden, a native of Dromlonan, Ballinamore. The Committee was indeed very pleased that Father Leaden was willing to edit the annual magazine when the founder Editor, Michael Fox, stood down in 1975. He had the enthusiasm, skill, empathy, professionalism and passion which guaranteed that the spirit and ethos of the magazine would be upheld and promoted. His editorials in the years up to 1984 proclaim his constant efforts to enhance Leitrim's standing and to champion the qualities of Leitrim's people and their heritage. He understood the need to cherish the past achievements and sterling qualities but was at times impatient to move on to new measures of progress. He took the job of editing seriously expended great effort, expected high standards and took wonderful pride in each publication. The annual launch was a highlight of his year and he relished the well deserved compliments. After relinquishing the responsibilities of Editor twenty years ago he continued to attend the meetings of the committee but more importantly he was a regular contributor to many editions. His work in local history was the source of a number of scholarly articles. *The Leitrim Guardian* committee members extend sympathy to Father Leaden's family and cherish memories of past Leitrim Guardian meetings and functions in his company.

Beannacht Dé leis. Guímid Solas na bhFlaitheas dá anam.