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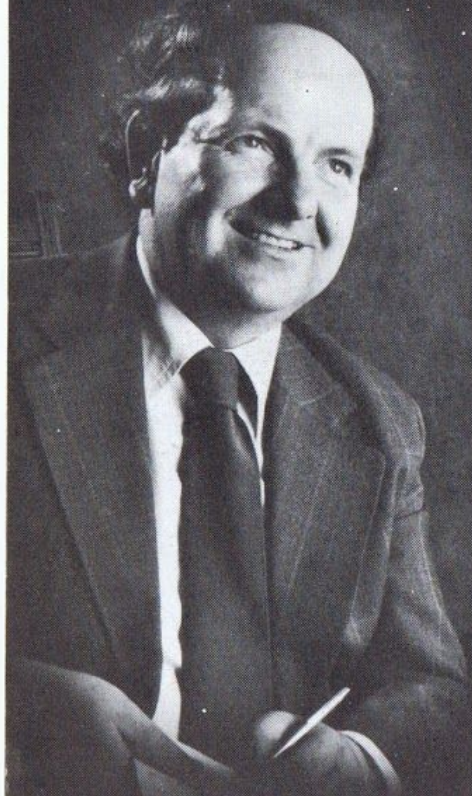
REGATTA 84
FESTIVAL

July 28th - August 12th

PROGRAMME

PRICE 50P

Chairman's Address



I am proud to be associated with the Wicklow Regatta Festival—proud of its success: prouder still of the dedication and community spirit which nurtures that continuing success.

The survival of the Festival over the last 100 years is an eloquent tribute to all those men and women who worked so hard to keep it alive. I thank my committee whose encouragement and help make my job as Chairman so much easier.

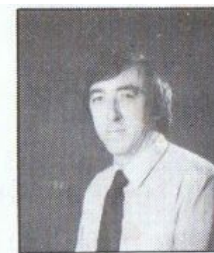
I would like to thank the various clubs, organisations and especially our sponsors without whose help this Festival would not be possible.

Finally, I take this opportunity of wishing each and everyone of you an enjoyable fortnight.

**Bob Jackson,
Chairman.**



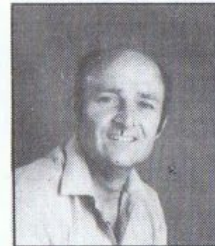
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WICKLOW REGATTA COMMITTEE 1984

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Ann Lait, Vincent Byrne, Joe Roberts,
Billy Rutledge, Margaret McCloskey,
Michael Brown, Robert Doyle.



Denis Hipwell



Ann Lait



Billy Rutledge



Ann Sinnott



Michael Brown



Margaret McCloskey

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Saturday 28th July

- 11.00 a.m.** Wicklow Sailing Club—Round the Buoys.
Officers: President, J. T. O'Byrne; Commodore, M. W. Jones; Vice-Commodore, G. Haughton; Rear-Commodore, S. McDevitt (Sailing); Rear-Commodore, S. Kiddle (House); Hon. Secretary, P. Swail; Hon. Treasurer, J. Headley.
- 2.00 p.m.** Arrival of Welsh Choir in Market Square. Wicklow Brass Band. Sponsored by Jim O'Neill.
- 3.00 p.m.** Wicklow Sailing Club—Round the Buoys.
R.N.L.I. Flag Collection today.
- Exhibition of Paintings by Stanley Pettigrew in the Painter's Gallery, Bachelor's Walk. This exhibition will run until Saturday, 4th August—10.00-12.30 p.m., 2:00-5.00 p.m. and 7.00-9.00 p.m.
- Wicklow Golf Club—Captain's Prize.
Officers: Men—President, A. Philips; Captain, J. J. Jones; Vice-Captain, D. J. Mooney; Hon. Treasurer, E. Lynch; Hon. Secretary, J. Kelly.
Committee: L. Carroll, S. Connolly, A. Earls, R. L. Fitzpatrick, E. Flannery, J. Hallihan, W. Kavanagh, P. O'Rourke, T. Shortall and T. Broderick.
- Ladies: President, Mrs. J. T. Murphy; Vice-President, Mrs. L. Kavanagh; Captain, Mrs. H. W. Hopkins; Vice-Captain, Mrs. P. Keelaghan; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. Doyle; Handicap Secretary, Mrs. L. Carroll.
Committee: Mrs. J. Furlong, Miss C. Sheridan, Miss N. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. P. Kavanagh.
- 9.00 p.m.** Reception for Welsh Choir at Wicklow Rugby Club. The Regatta Committee wishes to thank the Rugby Club for having the Welsh Choir and hosts at Ash-town Lane. (Members and friends only).
- 10 p.m. to 2.00 a.m.** Disco in The Bridge Tavern. Admission £3.00.

Sunday 29th July

- 11 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.** Wicklow Sub-Aqua Club. The clubhouse on the Seafront will be open for a display of equipment and artifacts.
Officers: Chairman, Ray Doyle; Secretary, Marion Mahoney; Treasurer, Joe O'Brien; Diving Officer, Albert Kerr; Training Officer, Ciaran Doyle; Equipment Officer, Carmine Coppola; Snorkling Officer, Pierre Sillery; P.R.O., Michael Doyle.
- 11.30 a.m.** Wicklow Swimming Club—Bay Relay at New Pier.
Officers: President, Laurence Cullen; Chairman, Vincent Byrne; Treasurer, Pat Byrne; Secretary, Pam Beacom; P.R.O., Pat Barry.
Committee: Angela Doyle; Leslie Cleary, Terry Fox, Mick O'Reilly, Peter O'Reilly, John McAulay, John Finlay, Tom Byrne, Jimmy Cleary.
Ladies Captain: Blathnaid Byrne.
Men's Captain: Paul Smith.
- 3.00 p.m.** **Grand Parade**, organised by Bob Jackson, Chairman, Wicklow Regatta Committee. The Parade is open to all individuals and organisations and is being sponsored by Stan and Marie O'Reilly, General Drapers, Main Street. The Parade starts at the Dominican Convent and finishes at the Murrough. The Festival will be officially opened by Mr. Liam Kavanagh, Minister for the Environment. The M.G. Car Run to Wicklow is sponsored by Sheane Oil Distributors Ltd. The Jaguar Owner's Club Run is sponsored by Harrington Lait, Auctioneers. Band Recital by Maynooth Brass and Reed Band, sponsored by Kane Undertakers, Quarantine Hill (Phone 2341 and 2409).
- 3.30 p.m.** County Wicklow Bay Swimming Club — Triathlon Event.
Committee: President, Frank Hynes; Chairman, Pat O'Toole; Vice-Chairman, Jimmy Kavanagh; Treasurer, Mary Doyle; Asst. Treasurer, Patsy Bradshaw; Secretary, Ann Sinnott; Asst. Secretary, Liz Dover; P.R.O., Tommy Buck; Asst. P.R.O., Mick Brown.
Steering Committee: Mrs. Walsh, Kathleen Bolger, Angela Quinn, Pixie Corkish, Marie Buck, Mick Nolan, Marion Nolan, Beth Devlin, Joan Johnson, Ned Duffy, Geraldine Dunne.
Junior Committee: Siobhan Dover, Michelle O'Toole, John Canavan, Freddie Quinn, Jackie Bolger, Mary Quinn and Charles Melia.



NORA FITZPATRICK

Chairperson Wicklow Urban District Council 1983-1984

Nora Fitzpatrick was born in Summerhill in Wicklow, to one of the best known families in the area. With four sisters and four brothers, Nora took off to Stratford, England to receive her General Nursing Diploma, after being educated at the Dominican Convent, Wicklow and afterwards at the Mercy Convent, Navan, where she received a diploma in cookery.

After further training and varied experience, Nora took the job of Matron of Wicklow Hospital in 1972. Since then she has been actively involved in many aspects of life in Wicklow — like the Wicklow branch of the Rehabilitation Institute and the Wicklow branch of the Irish Wheelchair Association. She is also on the committee of Wicklow Golf Club, where she was the lady captain in 1983.

At present, an extensive new day care centre is nearing completion at Wicklow Hospital. The project is a result of years of fund raising and lobbying by the Wicklow Hospital Patients Benefit Fund Committee, of which Nora is one of the driving forces, combining her work as Matron to make hospitalization for the elderly in Wicklow as pleasant and comfortable as possible.

Nora Fitzpatrick was elected to serve as Fine Gael member of Wicklow Urban Council in 1979.

Wicklow Golf Club—Captain's Prize.

R.N.L.I. Flag Collection today.

4.30 p.m. Red Cross Display at Weigh Bridge (opposite Leitrim Lounge).
Denis Nolan (Unit Officer); Linda Mullan (Corporal); Joseph Bell (Section Leader); Chairman, Terence Byrne; Secretary, Marguerite Cleary; Treasurer, Nigel Coffey.

8.00 p.m. Welsh Choir Concert in Fatima Hall, Dominican Convent (by kind permission of Mother Prioress and Community). Master of Ceremonies Mr. Pat Byrne. Admission £2.00.
After concert a reception for Welsh Choir will be held at St. Patrick's G.A.A. Premises at Dunbur. The Regatta Committee wish to thank St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club for having the Welsh Choir and hosts at their premises. Members and friends only.

Disco in The Bridge Tavern—9 pm. to 1 a.m. Adm. £2.00.

Midnight County Wicklow Bay Swimming Club—Floodlit Gala. Races for all age groups. Open Races. Comical Diving Display.

Monday 30th July

12 noon Departure of Welsh Choir from Market Square.

7.30 p.m. Wicklow Rovers v. Dublin Selection (Senior Match).
Committee: President: Wally Bates. Chairman: Mick Loughlin. Vice-Chairman: John Murphy. Secretary: Teddy Dunne. Asst. Secretary: Donald Vickers. Treasurer: John Doyle. Asst. Treasurer: Billy Dunne.
Committee: Ken Vickers, Gayle Dunne, Pat Kavanaugh, Vincent Doyle, Peter Murphy, Michael Doyle.

8.00 p.m. Lords and Ladies Hair Fashion Spectacular in The Grand Hotel.

8.45 p.m. Bingo in Holy Rosary Hall.

9 p.m. to 12 m'night Talent Contest in aid of Day Care Centre for Mentally Handicapped in Newcastle.

10 p.m. to 2.00 a.m. Supper Dance and Cabaret at The Bridge Tavern. Admission £4.00.



Davy Jones



Ross Williams

IS THE WELSH CHOIR COMING AGAIN ?

Of all the queries that come our way concerning our Festival, the above question is the one we hear most often.

Little did we know when the Choir first came to visit us that such a strong feeling of fellowship would spring up between the people of Wicklow and the men from North Wales. In fact it is hard to imagine what the Festival would be like without the appearance of this wonderful choir. Their visit is now considered one of the major events of our Festival. The Concert on Sunday night is an undisputed success and our gratitude goes to their conductor Mr. Davy Jones and accompanist Mr. Ross Williams.

It is with pleasure that we, once again, officially welcome the Maelgwyn Male Voice Choir to Wicklow town and our only regret is that their stay amongst us is so short.

Tuesday 31st July

- 7.30 p.m.** Car Treasure Hunt, organised by Wicklow County Council Social Club. Start and finish at Leitrim Lounge.
Officers: Vice-Chairman, John Madigan; Secretary, Rhona Hill; Treasurer, A. Kinsella.
Committee: B. Hughes, F. Nicholls, S. Dunne, J. Ready, P. Kavanagh, B. Dunbar, C. O'Farrell, P. Duffy and S. Canavan.
- 7.30 p.m.** Charity Football Match. Nell's Angels versus Joe's Devils at Whitegates.

Red Cross 'Major Disaster' Display at Weigh Bridge. 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- 9 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.** Young at Heart Night in the Grand Hotel, organised by Mrs. Jill Haughton. Music by Dessie, Brendan and Shay.
- 9.00 p.m.** Irish Night, organised by Wicklow Tourism Association in St. Patrick's G.A.A. premises.
- 9 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.** Judging of Singing Pub's Competition at Fitzpatrick's Lounge, Abbey Street. Sponsored by Sandro and Eileen Cavaliere of American Food Fair, Wicklow.

Wednesday 1st August

- 7.00 p.m.** County Wicklow Bay Swimming Club—Super Stars Event (male and female) Assault Course: 50 metres dash, weight lifting, gym tests, 50 metres swim test.
- 7.00 p.m.** Wicklow Swimming Club — Bike and Roller Skate Rally at Leitrim Place.
- 8.00 p.m.** Wicklow Table Tennis Club — Regatta Tournament in Grand Hotel (Open Doubles). This year the competition will be open to any doubles partnership and not restricted as in former years to mixed doubles teams. Entrance fee £1 per couple to any member of the Committee on or before Sunday, 29th July.
Officers: Chairman, G. Plant; Vice-Chairman, A. Nolan; Treasurer, P. Quinn; Secretary and P.R.O., D. Davitt; Junior Member Representative, N. O'Sullivan.



Lucy Hogan, winner of the 1983 Voice of Wicklow Contest

- 7.30 p.m.** Regatta Fun Run — For the Fitzell Cup and numerous prizes throughout the field. Sponsored by Conway's Sports Shop. Starts at the Big Tree (over 14s only). For men and women—4 miles (approx.). All entries to Mrs. Bernie O'Brien, 11 High Street by Friday 3rd.
- 9 p.m. to 12 m'night** Wicklow Musical Society Evening in the Grand Hotel
Officers: Chairman: Tom Murphy. Secretary: Catherine Vickers. P.R.O.: Noleen Shortall.
- 9 p.m. to 12 m'night** Adult Fancy Dress in the Bridge Tavern organised by the Regatta Festival Committee. Music by Dessie, Shay and Brendan. Admission £2.00.
- 9 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.** Judging of Singing Pubs Competition at The Old Forge, Abbey Hill. Sponsored by Sandro and Eileen Caveliere of American Food Fair.

Thursday 9th August

- 7.30 p.m.** Walking Treasure Hunt. Starting at Fitzwilliam Square. Organised by Myra and John Porter. Sponsored by Sheridan Colohan Insurance.
- Wicklow Golf Club — Men's Singles Stableford.

- 9.30 p.m. to 12 m'night** Cabaret in the Grand Hotel. Music by Avoca. Organised by Wicklow Regatta Festival Committee.
- 9.00 p.m.** Seisuin presented by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann at Boat House.
- 9 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.** Judging of Singing Pubs competition in O'Connor's, Main Street. Sponsored by Sandro and Eileen Caveliere of American Food Fair.

Friday 10th August

- 6 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.** Best Dressed Doll Competition. Please bring dolls to the offices of Messrs. Harrington, Lait, Auctioneers, Wentworth Place. Results Saturday afternoon.
- 7.30 p.m.** Kilmantin Basketball Club — Match at Ashford.
Officers: Chairperson: Terry McGinn. Asst. Chairperson: Mary Gaule. Secretary: Mary Angela Byrne. Asst. Secretary: Angela Scanlon. P.R.O.: Declan McCarthy. Coaches: Dave McCann & Eugene O'Neill. Treasurer: Siobhan Tynan. Asst. Treasurer: Barbara McMahon.
- 8.00 p.m.** Soap Box Derby at Sea View Road. Sponsored by Bollarney Motors. Organised by Bob Jackson.
- 8 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.** Juvenile Disco in St. Patrick's Clubhouse. Admission £1.50.
- 9 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.** Wicklow Regatta Festival Disco in the Grand Hotel. Disco Dancing Competition. Sponsored by Madden's Newsagents. Music by WCR.

Saturday 11th August

- 2.00 p.m.** Invitation Tennis Tournament. Sponsored by The Wicklow People. Organised by The Wicklow Tennis Club.
Officers: President: Mrs. Maureen Gelletlie. Vice-President: Mrs. P. Kean. Secretary: Geraldine Wynne. Captain: Lance O'Brien. Vice-Captain: Berna Collins. Treasurer: Paul Hayes. Assistant Treasurer: Michael Butler. P.R.O.: Dermot Collins. Committee: R. Morrissey, A. Ryan, C. Doyle, L. Ryan, G. Kean, T. Nagle, R. Turner, J. Van der Flier.



SID DUNNE

Mr. Sid Dunne holds an unusual distinction in Wicklow, as he is one of the few people in the entire country who carries on the craft of boat building by hand. Apart from the fact that the craft is almost extinct. Sid is unusual in two ways. One, he has never sailed, fished or rowed on the sea, and two, he has no formal training in boat building. Yet his boats are still among the fastest racing skiffs in the country to-day. Sid travelled far and near to obtain the right quality spruce to cut, bend, steam into shape, balance and finish his famous "CLINKER" built boats, and all without any elaborate machinery. Built and finished by hand, each boat can take up to 4 months of constant work. Altogether Sid Dunne has built 15 boats, among them the "STAR" which is raced up and down the coast by members of Wicklow Rowing Club.

Born at No. 6 High Street, Sid later moved to 49 Glenview Road where he has lived for 40 years, raising a family of six boys and four girls, all of whom have gained many honours and trophies in the sport of rowing. It's a sport that Sid has deep feeling for and remembers the great day when the Wicklow Senior Crew took the all Ireland senior trophy from Ringsend to Wicklow, where it has remained for many years. He remembers the crew: coxwain Johnny Byrne, Jack Devlin, Billy Kelly, Tony Quinn and Billy Cleary. In recent years Sid, helped by Peter Earls, built the "COLLEEN BAWN" for Wicklow's second rowing club, the Leitrim. The club has not been active for some time, but it's Sid's greatest wish that both clubs will come and work together for the good of the sport. Sid says "There are some fine rowers in both clubs and both committees have done great work, I would just love to see four Wicklow Boats out there taking part.

Saturday 4th August

9 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Wicklow Sub-Aqua Club Sponsored Snorkel Swim between New Pier and Packet Pier. Sponsored by Mrs. Augustus Cullen.

10.30 a.m. Wicklow Karate Club — Michael Doyle Memorial Trophy: Freestyle Competition, preliminaries. Junior Competition: Freestyle and Kata, preliminaries.

11.00 a.m. Children's Walking Treasure Hunt. Start and finish at Leitrim Lounge, The Murrough. Sponsored by Wicklow Regatta Committee.

LEGO Window Model Display, sponsored by Lego and Madden's Newsagents, Main St. Guess the Number of Bricks? Entry forms available in Madden's Newsagents.

12 noon Wicklow Karate Club — Demonstration of freestyle techniques and weaponry techniques including: Bo, Sai, Nuchaku and Katana.

1.00 p.m. Wicklow Karate Club — Michael Doyle Memorial trophy. Finals of Junior and Senior competitions. Presentation of trophies to follow.

2.30 p.m. Children's Fancy Dress Parade. Starting at the Car Park (opposite the Garda Station) and on to the Sea Front. Sponsored by Pat Byrne Victualler, The Mall. Organised by Regatta Festival Committee.

Wicklow Golf Club — 9-Holes Mixed Foursomes. Play as often as you like. (Continued Mon.).

7.30 p.m. Children's Disco in St. Patrick's G.A.A. Hall. Sponsored by B. Riley (Wicklow) Ltd., Bookbinders. Children's Magic Show by Quentin Reynolds in St. Patrick's G.A.A. Hall. Sponsored by Len Douglas/Alcorn.

10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Disco in the Bridge Tavern. Admission £4.00.

Wicklow Rowing Club

MONDAY, AUGUST 6th, 1984 at 2.30

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First Race:	SCHOOLBOYS' RACE	
Competitors:	Draw	Result
STELLA MARIS I, RINGSEND
STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND
MANTAN I, WICKLOW
MANTAN II, WICKLOW
STAR, WICKLOW
SHAMROCK I, GREYSTONES
VENTURER, BRAY
ENDEAVOUR, BRAY
M. O'CARROLL, DALKEY
ST. MALACHY I, DALKEY
ST. MALACHY II, DALKEY
ST. MICHAEL, DUN LAOGHAIRE
EILEEN, DUN LAOGHAIRE
DUNLEARY, DUN LAOGHAIRE
ST. JOSEPH I, SANDYCOVE
MARIE THERESE, SANDYCOVE
COLEEN BAWN, LEITRIM CLUB
AN TALKA, East/Wall Water Sports Club

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Second Race:	LADIES RACE	
Competitors:	Draw	Result
STELLA MARIS I, RINGSEND
STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND
MANTAN I, WICKLOW
MANTAN II, WICKLOW
STAR, WICKLOW
SHAMROCK I, GREYSTONES
VENTURER, BRAY
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ST. JOSEPH I, SANDYCOVE
MARIE THERESE, SANDYCOVE
COLEEN BAWN, LEITRIM CLUB
AN TALKA, East/Wall Water Sports Club

This event is sponsored by
WICKLOW VIDEO CENTRE

Third Race:	JUVENILE RACE	
Competitors:	Draw	Result
STELLA MARIS I, RINGSEND
STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND

ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND
MANTAN I, WICKLOW
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QUINN (PERPETUAL TROPHY)

Fourth Race:	MINOR RACE	
Competitors:	Draw	Result
STELLA MARIS I, RINGSEND
STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND
MANTAN I, WICKLOW
MANTAN II, WICKLOW
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Fifth Race:	INTERMEDIATE RACE	
Competitors:	Draw	Result
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STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND
MANTAN I, WICKLOW
MANTAN II, WICKLOW
STAR, WICKLOW

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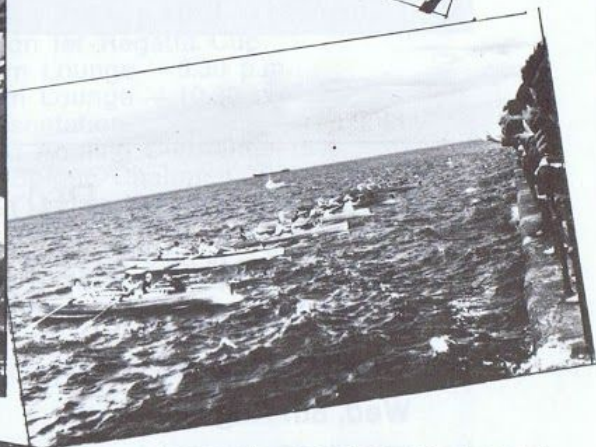
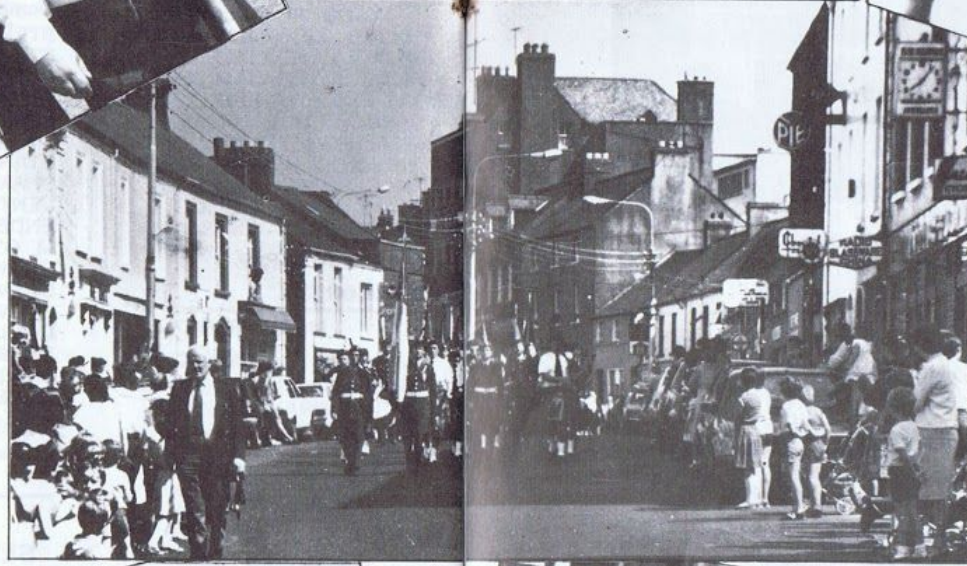
Sixth Race:	JUNIOR RACE	
Competitors:	Draw	Result
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STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND
MANTAN I, WICKLOW
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HAMMIL CUP

SEVENTH RACE:	SENIOR ALL-IRELAND OPEN SKIFF RACE	
Competitors:	Draw	Result
STELLA MARIS I, RINGSEND
STELLA MARIS II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK II, RINGSEND
ST. PATRICK III, RINGSEND
MANTAN I, WICKLOW
MANTAN II, WICKLOW
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1983 Winners



1984 Singing Pub Competition

Tues. 31st July	—	Fitzpatrick's Lounge
Thurs. 2nd August	—	The Bridge Tavern
Tues. 7th August	—	Ros Duin
Wed. 8th August	—	The Old Forge
Thurs. 9th August	—	O'Connors

Presentation of trophies in
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SATURDAY, 11th AUGUST at REGATTA DANCE
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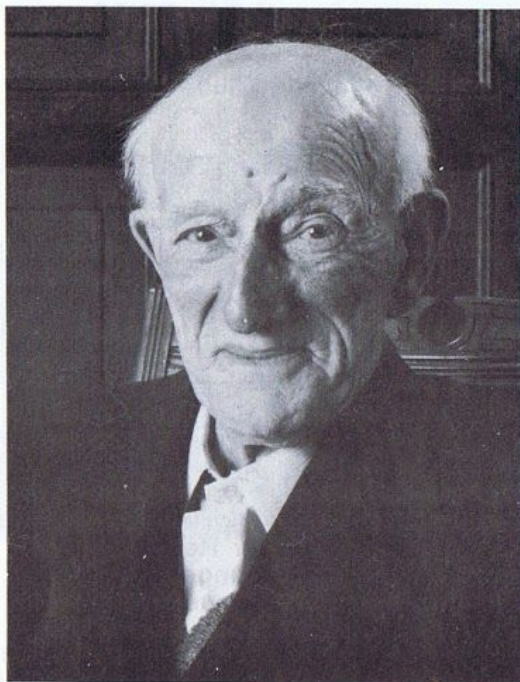
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Sunday 5th August

- 11.30 a.m.** Wicklow Swimming Club — Water Polo at the New Pier.
- 2.30 p.m.** First Anniversary Beach Festival of the County Wicklow Bay Swimming Club.
- 3.00 p.m.** Rock Concert at the Seafront, organised by Colm Manifold and Willie Heatley.
- 3.30 p.m.** Wicklow Golf Club — Open Regatta Competition. 18-Holes, Men's Singles, Stableford.
- 3.30 p.m.** Midget Automobile Racing Club Race Meeting at Ballinabarney. Signposted from Wicklow and Rathnew.
- 6 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.** Wicklow Bay Sea Angling Club — Regatta Open Shore Competition for Regatta Cup.
Check in: Leitrim Lounge — 5.30 p.m.
Weigh in: Leitrim Lounge — 10.30 p.m.
Followed by Presentation.
Wicklow Bay Sea Angling Club Officers:
President: Matt Bolger. Chairman: Pat Hayes. Asst. Chairman: John Jameson. Hon. Secretary: Sean Byrne. Asst. Secretary: David Gillespie. Hon. Treasurer: Stan O'Reilly. Weigh-in Officer: Richard Kenny. Asst. Weigh-in Officer: Mick Brophy. Hon. Recorder: Brian Ward. Asst. Recorder: Jack Byrne.
- 8.00 p.m.** Pet Show at Bachelor's Walk. Judged by: Mr. Ben Doyle, Arklow.
- 9 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.** Disco — Bridge Tavern. Admission £3.00

Monday 6th August

- R.N.L.I. Flag Collection today.
- 2.30 p.m.** Wicklow Rowing Club Skiff Racing.
Officers: President: Tom Byrne. Chairman: Robert Doyle. Secretary: Robert Dunne. Treasurer: Derek Dunne. Committee: Tommy Dunne, Tony Dunne, Jimmy Quinn, Patrick Dunne, Robert Dunne, George O'Brien.
Wicklow Golf Club 9 holes Mixed Foursomes—RNLI.



BILL ("Sniper") VICKERS

A familiar figure, with head erect and leading the Wicklow Pipe Band for thirty years, Billy "Sniper" Vickers is a man who has lived a full and varied life. Now retired, but still taking a keen interest in all that goes on in our community, "Sniper" remembers many Regattas. He remembers the Pipe Band meeting two trains and leading the passengers into Wicklow town. He says the events were many and varied, great swimming events, greasy pole, duck hunting and everyone having a great time. "Sniper" worked for many years in D. H. Haskins flour mills. He says they made the best flake meal in the country. As a young man "Sniper" was torpedoed in the Irish Sea during the first World War. All were saved but he is the only member of the crew of the Joseph Fisher still alive. He remembers winning a boat race in the "Star" before the second World War. The crew consisted of Tim Killalee, Billy Byrne, Charlie Hunter and William Vickers. "Sniper", while leading the band, always carried a walking stick which had been given to him by the late P. J. Noonan of the "Wicklow People" office in exchange for a blackthorn stick. He had a keen interest in motor racing and travelled to many events with his close friend, Sidney R. Sheane. "Sniper" feels the present Regatta events are mild and mourns the fact that there is very little sailing in comparison with the Regattas of his youth.

- 7.30 p.m.** Jackie and Sean (Avoca and Friends) will entertain you "open air" at Fitzwilliam Square.
- 7.30 p.m.** County Wicklow Bay Swimming Club Championships: Swimming and Diving, Diving Display by National Diving Champions (Springboard and High) Perpetual trophies for all age groups.
- 8.45 p.m.** Bingo in Holy Rosary Hall.
- 9 p.m. to 12 m'night** Regatta Dance in aid of the Day Care Centre for mentally handicapped in Newcastle. Music by the Cantons. Admission £2.00.
- 10 p.m. to 2.00 a.m.** Supper Dance and Cabaret in the Bridge Tavern. Admission £4.00.

Tuesday 7th August

- 7.30 p.m.** Traditional Wicklow Swimming Club (Confined) Vartry Swim.
- 7.30 p.m.** Fancy Dress Match — Wicklow County Council v. Old Forge at Whitegates.
- 9.00 p.m.** Irish Night in the G.A.A. Club organised by County Wicklow Tourism Association.
- 9 p.m. to 12 m'night** Over 25s in the Grand Hotel, organised by the Regatta Festival Committee. Music by The Sunlights. Special appearance of Mr. Jay Byrne. Waltzing and Jiving Competitions. Sponsored by John and Nora Wallace, Mallard Restaurant.
- 9 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.** Judging of Singing Pubs Competition at Ros Duin Market Square. Sponsored by Sandro and Eileen Cavaliere of American Food Fair, Wicklow.

Wednesday 8th August

- 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.** Historical Walk of Wicklow. Starts at Black Castle. Research compiled by Mr. John Finlay.
- 7.30 p.m.** Wicklow Sailing Club. Round the Buoys.



MARY KIERNAN

Born in Dunleer, Co. Louth, Nurse Mary Kiernan has earned the highest esteem and friendship of many people in and around Wicklow. Her nursing career, which began in Cork before World War II, lasted 45 years, 33 of those years were spent in Wicklow. After spending some time as jubilee nurse in Co. Tipperary during the war years she then moved to Drogheda, where she worked and became friends with Mother Mary Martin, before the foundation of the Medical Missionaries of Mary.

Nurse Mary Kiernan arrived in Newtownmountkennedy in 1949 as jubilee nurse, the title of which has since changed to that of district public health nurse, but in those early days, the job dates back to the Jubilee of Queen Victoria in the mid 18th century, when the Queen's institute of district nurses was founded.

In October 1959, Mary Kiernan moved to Wicklow town to carry on as jubilee nurse until 1967, when jubilee nursing closed, being taken over by the State. She immediately joined the Eastern Health Board, continuing her work until her retirement in 1982. Many tributes and presentations were made to Nurse Mary Kiernan on her retirement by many organisations that she had helped and worked for, during her career in Wicklow. In 1956 she was instrumental in setting up the Kilcoole Festival, which has grown and developed ever since. In 1962, helped by Dorrie Seale, Berti Kavanagh and Mirette Dowling, she was involved in setting up the Wicklow Chcral Society. A member of the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Wheelchair Association, Nurse Kieran became actively involved in the Wicklow Hospital Patients Benefit Fund committee and today it gives her particular pleasure to see the new Day Care Centre completed, for the benefit of elderly people in Wicklow.

Since her retirement in 1982, Mary Kiernan still leads a very active life, helping with the Wicklow Meals on Wheels, looking after her garden and still finding time to paint beautiful scenes in oils.

Apart from her work, the great love of her life is pets, and she has always gone about her work around the country accompanied by her dog. At present a little terrier named George, is her companion, but has become somewhat of a celebrity in his own right, having been recently filmed for future viewing on R.T.E.

Children's competition in the Bridge Tavern (Smuggler's Den).

- 2.30 p.m.** Best Air-Fix Model. Sponsored by Nolan's Shoe Shop, Fitzwilliam Square.
 Best Model of a Racing Car. Sponsored by Bob Jackson, Bollarney Motors.
 Best Dressed Doll. Sponsored by Pearl Jackson, Bollarney.
 Best Lego Display. Sponsored by Regatta C'tee.
 Lego Competition. (Lego to be assembled in Hall). Sponsored by Mark and Eileen Jackson, Ashford.

7.30 p.m. Open Bridge Tournament at Wicklow Golf Club. Sponsored by Regatta Festival Committee.

10 p.m. to 2.00 a.m. Disco in the Bridge Tavern. Admission £3.00

10 p.m. to 2.00 a.m. Results and award presentations of Singing Pubs Competition in The Grand Hotel. Sponsored by Sanaro and Eileen Cavaliere of American Food Fair. Dancing to the Sunlights. Admission £2.50.

Sunday 12th August

10.00 a.m. Wicklow Sailing Club — Sailing Event.

3.00 p.m. Family Picnic at the Murrough. Sponsored by Maeve and Ned Flannery. (Weather permitting).

3.00 p.m. County Wicklow Bay Swimming Club. Round the Pier Harbour Race. Relay Teams. Also Age Group Swimming Races.

6.00 p.m. Juvenile Fancy Dress Camogie Match at the G.A.A.
7.00 p.m. St. Patrick's Fancy Dress Mixed Camogie Match (Adults) at the G.A.A. Officers: Chairperson: Dorcas Kavanagh. Asst. Chairperson: Chris Kavanagh. Secretary: Noleen Doyle. Treasurer: Fiona Davis.

9 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. Disco in the Bridge Tavern. Admission £2.00.

9 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. GRAND FINALE DANCE in the G.A.A. Club. Music by Red Hurley. Admission £2.50. Organised by the Regatta Festival Committee.

LOCAL RADIO — A NEW ERA IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The arrival of local radio in Ireland has opened up new horizons in the area of communications within and between the urban and rural communities of the country.

Wicklow, our county town, has had the opportunity of experiencing local radio over the past few years, at different levels. In 1981 the RTE Community Radio mobile station spent 2 weeks in the town and aroused a huge interest in the media. In 1982 the Regatta Festival Committee initiated our radio for the festival and again radios around Wicklow "turned-on". Towards the end of 1982, Wicklow Community Radio came on air and since then has developed into one of Ireland's foremost local stations. Altogether there are 37 people involved in production and presentation of locally orientated programmes, from 7.30 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. every day. People involved range from children aged 11 to teachers, students, local community workers, etc. and part of the success of W.C.R. is due to the unique training programme which is on-going with constant analysis and further training. Funding for the project is found entirely from the sale of advertising space to local traders. Again the professional approach to the origination and production of advertising, has been a key part in the successful development of Wicklow Community Radio.

The development, training and encouragement given to local personnel is now just beginning to pay dividends and again WCR has scored a first, with a programme called the "Young Ones", which is produced and presented by 3 children aged 11 years, just one of the unusual programmes presented weekly by WCR. And it's only the beginning. As each day goes by, further capital is invested, better equipment is installed, more facilities are brought on line, more local personnel commence training, all necessary to develop local radio at professional level in order to compete in the future, with the professional national and regional networks already on, or about to come on air.

The Future

After some years development, local radio in Ireland is about to be regulated by parliament. The present government is in the process of drawing up the various bills. Firstly, to establish a local radio authority and secondly to establish a network of local radio stations covering the entire country and finally a bill to stop illegal broadcasting after the local stations have been set up.

Apart from the cultural, entertainment and social benefits of local radio, a major boost to the local unemployment problems will be eased somewhat by each local station employing between 10 and 25 people on a full time basis.

Wicklow Community Radio welcomes visitors to the station during day time hours and groups and individuals may avail of the opportunity to see the WCR broadcast facility by arranging an appointment with the station controller by phone at 3368.

To date, over 1,000 local, national and international visitors have been received at the WCR studios, at 1 Wentworth Place in Wicklow.

The Regatta Committee take this opportunity of thanking the following :


Rev. Mother Prioress and Community, Dominican Convent for the use of Fatima Hall for the concert on Sunday, 29th July and to all the families who kindly host our Welsh friends on their visits.

Mrs. Ann O'Neill for co-ordinating the Welsh visit.

Michael and Eileen Earls, Newsagent, Pat Byrne, Victualler and Pat Byrne, Fruit & Veg., who so kindly look after the sale and distribution of tickets each year. Their help is much appreciated.

Mrs. Norma Copeland for her invaluable help as Secretary.

Mrs. Pearl Jackson and Mr. Leo Doyle for all their work in compiling this programme. Special thanks is due to Mr. Louis Carroll and Mr. Joe Roberts of Wicklow Press Ltd. for all their help and advice.



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