

## **Moycullen : Captured Memories Project : We need your help**

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In 2005, Cumann Staire Mhaigh Cuilinn (Moycullen Historical Society) created a permanent 'Places' exhibition in Arus Uilinn of a number of donated photographs. Cumann Staire, in association with Forbairt Phobail Maigh Cuilinn (Moycullen Community Development Association), is now planning to publish a book of up to 1,000 photographs of memories of Moycullen. The project is modelled on a very successful publication, 'Johnstown Captured Memories', produced by Johnstown Heritage Group, Co. Kilkenny. A copy of Johnstown Captured Memories is available for inspection in the community office.

We seek your support in submitting photographs taken prior to 1980. We hope that the book will bring back happy memories of people, places and activities and will leave a permanent record of our rich local heritage. We also hope that the many new members of our community will find the book interesting. All photographs are welcome, including imperfect or aging photographs. The book will be printed in black and white. The committee will endeavour to include all photographs received, though within editorial and space constraints. We hope to launch the book during Heritage Week, 1st week Sept. Full details and up-to-date status on the project is available at [www.moycullen.net/community/cumann\\_staire](http://www.moycullen.net/community/cumann_staire).

The following lists some of the many types of photographs which you may have and may be willing to contribute:

- Individuals and groups (home, school, sports, committees, award presentations)
- Church and family events, e.g, weddings, communion, confirmation
- Various gatherings, e.g, community, social
- Work, e.g., activities, workplaces, people in uniform
- Musical events and activities, individuals and groups, musicians, dances
- Places: village, architectural heritage, townlands, lake, mountain, woodlands, local landmarks (homes, houses now demolished, village scenes, old Church and school, monuments, ruins)
- Village commercial activity, shops and businesses, machinery, equipment, vehicles

Photographs of any and all activities, people and places from the extended Moycullen area are requested. No area boundary applies. No limit on the number of photographs submitted applies. Old documents. e.g., billheads, certificates, letters, postcards, ads are also of interest.

### **Process for obtaining copies of your photographs.**

The committee is organising two days when you can bring your photographs for immediate copying and return. **Venue** : The Forge. **Dates** : [Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> June](#) and [Sat 9<sup>th</sup> June](#). **Times** : [11am-3pm](#). Hopefully you will have had time by then to consider the idea and select particular photographs for submission.

Old photographs are precious items. However, photographs can even be scanned and recorded on computer while you wait, without removal from their frames. Photographs will be returned to you immediately along with a computer disk containing a copy of your scanned images for yourself. We hope to include a caption on each photograph including the names of all those who appear in the photograph, the location, activity and approximate date. Please endeavour to provide accurate information.

If you wish to submit your photographs separately, for copy and return, please do so in a sealed envelope, along with all of the above details, clearly numbered photographs and associated caption, and your name and contact details. Photographs will be returned to you within a few days.

If you wish to submit already scanned photographs separately by email, please forward to [info@moycullen.net](mailto:info@moycullen.net), along with all of the above details. Email submissions will be acknowledged.

Please consider a point made by a Johnstown Captured Memories committee member : "a few people who did not submit photographs were sorry when they saw the completed work". All who have seen the Johnstown Captured Memories book to date consider it a superb and interesting record and all have enthused about the proposed Cumann Staire project.

Please inform your family, relatives, friends, both local and also those abroad who may be interested in contributing their old photographs to the project ([www.moycullen.net/community/cumann\\_staire](http://www.moycullen.net/community/cumann_staire)). For further information, please contact the community office, Commerce House, Spiddal Rd, Tel 091 555626.

The committee is also seeking sponsorship towards the cost of this project. If interested in sponsoring the effort, please contact the community office. All sponsors will be acknowledged in the book.