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Cuireann Cumann Peile Ghleanna Bhodhair Celtic failte romhainh go leir un Domhnach Bealtaine sed. Ta suil againn go mbainfidh sibh taitheamh mor as an gcuairt sed agus go mbeidh sibh ar ais aris an bliain seo chughainn le cunamh De.

This is another first for Glenbower Celtic F.C. We hope you enjoy this souvenir. It is our first time producing a souvenir of Glenbower - indeed it is also the first time that an illustrated souvenir on traditional May Day Pattern and Glenbower Woods was produced.

As we had only ten days to produce this souvenir, we had to make some "short cuts" which we were very reluctant to make. However, we are confident that you will still find this souvenir interesting.

You will be pleased to know that we are already working on next year's souvenir, in which we will include more elaborate history, photographs of bygone days (this takes time in arranging copy-rights), and we have already ordered a colour spread for next years souvenir.

We wish to thank everybody who helped us in any way in this venture. Especially our Advertisers without whose help, it would not have been possible to produce this souvenir. We will be forever grateful to these kind people and we wish them every success.

Finally many thanks to you Reader for buying this souvenir - we hope you enjoy your visit to this traditional May Day Pattern and Glenbower Woods. We hope you take home with you many happy memories of your visit, and that this souvenir will always revive those memories.

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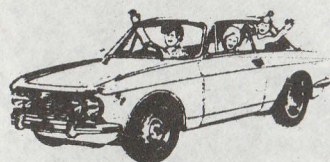
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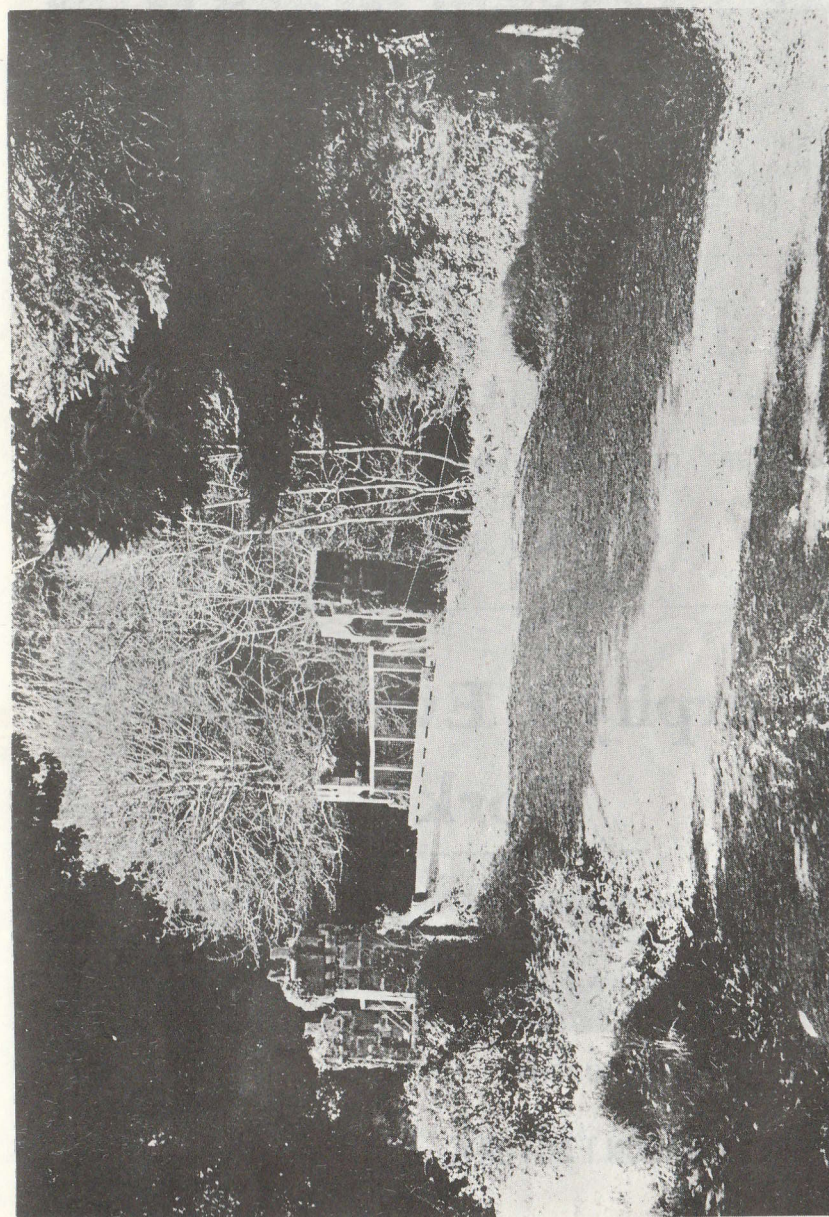
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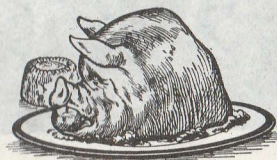
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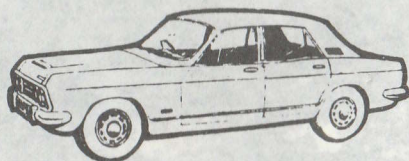
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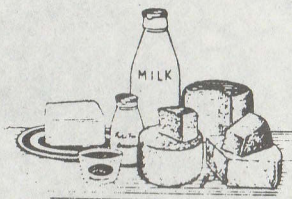
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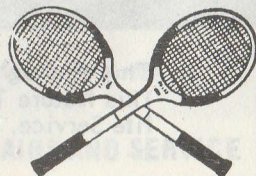
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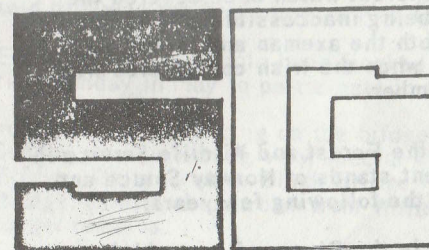
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Wish to thank Mr. Fitzpatrick, Minister For Lands for his kind co-operation and permission to photograph and use some of our history (from Nature Trail Leaflet) of Glenbower.

We would also like to thank Mr. Verling and Mr. O'Leary of the Forest and Wildlife Service for their co-operation.

We wish to thank Mr. Bob Rock, Photographer, Youghal, who photographed Glenbower for us (photographs as in this souvenir) and for his special reproduction agreement with us.

Photograph on the Cover of this Souvenir is of
The Waterfall in Glenbower.



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A BRIEF HISTORY OF GLENBOWER

Glenbower gets its name of "Gleann - Bodhar" or Deafening Glen from the noise the River Dissour makes when rushing headlong in winter spate through the Valley. This Glen and the surrounding area was known locally as the "Maiden Estate", to distinguish it from the other forfeited properties. It remained in the same family since 1172, when, it is claimed, it was granted to Philip De Cappell, lineal ancestor of Sir Arthur De Capell Brooke, who in the 1830's built the present road and bridges through the wood.

At this time a contemporary writer stated that the sided of Glenbower were richly wooded, and that it was one of the few remnants of the ancient forest which once covered the Country. Its steep slopes being inaccessible and useless for agriculture it escaped both the axeman and intensive grazing over the centuries when the Irish countryside was generally denuded of its timber.

The wood was acquired by the Forest and Wildlife Service in 1933, and most of the present stands of Norway Spruce and Scots Pine were planted in the following few years.

Flowing through Glenbower is the Dissour River which gets it's name from the Gaelic "Dis" and "Ur" or twice wetted, from the belief that in producing linen long ago, one wetting of the flax in the waters of the stream was as good as two wettings in any other water.

Under the Warren Hill is the "Bathing House Glen" crossed by the Metal Bridge - (Metal Bridge can be seen in this souvenir). This Glen gets its name from the fact that it contains a spring with reputed mineral ingredients or spa qualities and over this was built a Bathing House. Traces of this can still be seen on the ground.

Domhnach Bealtaine MAY SUNDAY

A Brief History on origin of May Day Pattern at Glenbower Woods

In the early 1830's The Metal Bridge (Photograph can be seen in this Souvenir) and the other Bridges, etc., were the beginning of the planned improvements and access on the Estate by the landlord De Cappell Brooke.

Further improvements were to have included the building of a new mansion, but the existing mansion was improved instead.

When the improvements were completed, around the end of April - we are told the following Sunday was the first Sunday in May - May Sunday. The landlord De Cappell Brooke was so happy with the work that was carried out on his Mansion and Estate, that he invited the people of the district to view his Estate on May Sunday and he lavishly entertained them.

An evening of music, song, and dance followed and so we are told this was the beginning of May Day Pattern and Glenbower.

Each year since people have flocked to Glenbower Woods on the first Sunday in May to participate in the Festivities.

In bygone days dancing on the bridges in Glenbower on May Sunday was something very special - the bridges were, Metal Bridge, White Bridge, Black Bridge - they was also the Green Bridge, (situated upstream from White Bridge) but this now no longer remains.

Various Bands used to come on excursions to Glenbower on May Sunday - The Butter Exchange Band was one. The Brian Boru Pipers was another. These bands entertained thousands in Glenbower on May Sundays in days gone by. Around this time (1920's) Glenbower was colourful on May Sundays - with side cars, wagonettes, numerous street musicians (including blind fiddlers) and all the other "showmen", etc., adding to the gaiety.

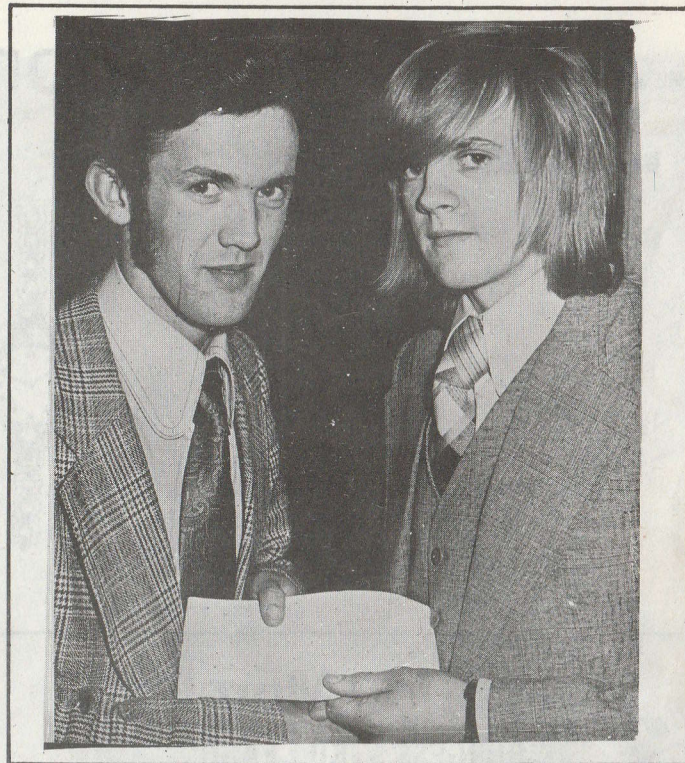
In very changing times, up to the present day, Glenbower on May Day (or indeed on any day) has never lost it's colour, its charm, its gaiety or its crowd pulling appeal.

It has grown in strength down through the years, and you can sense a feeling of peace and happiness in people and in Glenbower on May Sunday. Long may it remain like this.

The River Dissour flowing under the beautiful Rustic Type Bridge - which leads off of the Nature Trail in Glenbower.



GLENBOWER KING '75



Mr. Donal FitzGerald, Chairman Killeagh Hall Committee, (left) presents Butlins Holiday Voucher to James Fogarty, (Killeagh), elected Glenbower King '75, organised by Hall Committee.

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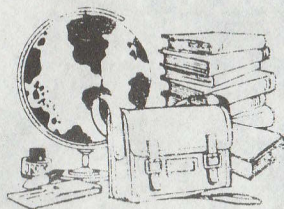
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FRIDAY MAY 2nd.

8.30 p.m. Crowning of "Festival King" followed by
Novelty Races.

"Festival Queen" Dance 10.30 - 2.30.
With the "Green Valley Boys"

SATURDAY MAY 3rd.

7.00 p.m. Pitch & Putt 24 Hour Marathon Game

SUNDAY MAY 4th (May Sunday)

2.30 p.m. Opening Parade led by "Festival King"
- including three bands, majorettes, Fancy Dress
(for valuable prizes), Young Generation Choir
and Civil Defence Members.

3.00 p.m. Open Air Dancing in Bonafona - with Glendine
Ceili Band.

7.00 p.m. Closing of Pitch & Putt Marathon Game.

8.00 p.m. Variety Concert in Hall.

DANCES

KILLEAGH HALL - 10 - 2.30 - GLENDINE CEILI BAND
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THURSDAY MAY 8th.

Irish Night In Hall - 1st. Round of
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Note - Entries for same close on Monday, May 5th. with Hon. Sec.

FRIDAY MAY 9th.

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SUNDAY MAY 11th.

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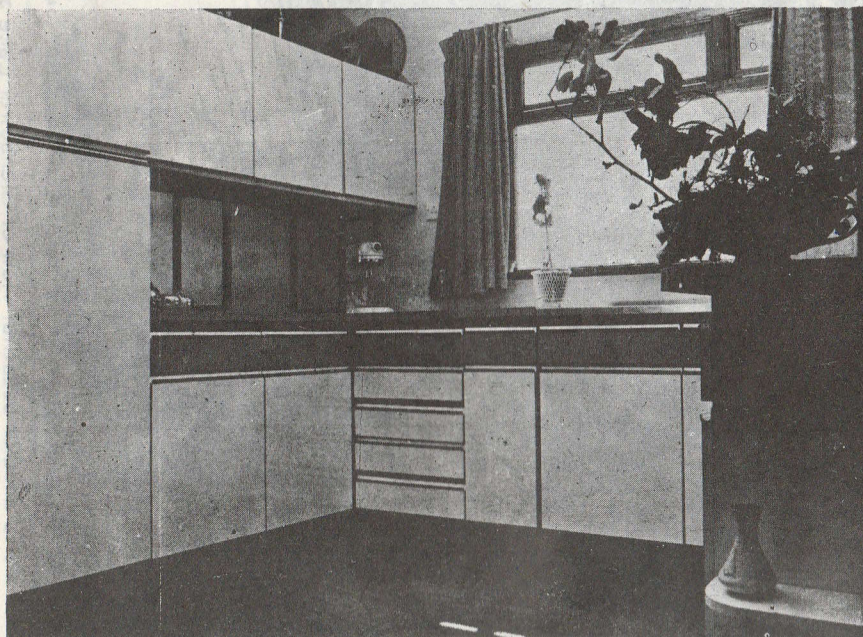


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Pitch & Putt 24 Hour Marathon Game

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Killeagh Pitch & Putt Club hold their 4th. Annual 24 Hour Marathon Game on May Saturday & Sunday this year for the first time. It should prove to be very popular with visitors to Glenbower on May Sunday, and it deserves great support as it is in aid of The Cloyne Diocesan Invalid Fund to Lourdes this year.

Glenbower Celtic are happy to have good relations with the Pitch and Putt Club. The spirit that is in the Club was clearly shown, when they were without a course, for a good part of last year, but came bouncing back to win The East Cork League.

We in Glenbower Celtic congratulate the proud East Cork Pitch and Putt Champions on their achievements in their short history and we wish them well in the future.

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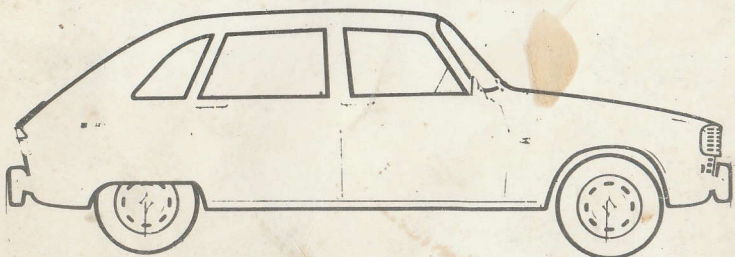
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