

Garda Nolan was stationed in town for two years

# Garda's death brings sadness to Newtown



■ Garda Richie Nolan's funeral procession. Garda Nolan (inset) served for two years in Newtownmountkennedy.

THE DEATH of Garda Richard Nolan, who was fatally injured in a patrol car crash in Enniscorthy at the weekend, has brought sadness to the area of Newtownmountkennedy, where he was formerly stationed.

Garda Nolan, who was fatally injured with Garda Ambrose Fogarty when their car careered into a wall in the Co. Wexford town in the early hours of Sunday morning, was stationed in Newtown for two years in the early 1980s.

An ex-Garda Sergeant who served with Garda Nolan in Newtown at the time was saddened by the tragic loss of his former colleague, and described him as a popular and well-liked resident of the North Wicklow village.

Retired Garda Sgt Sean Tiernan said the death had brought shock to Newtown, and also to nearby Newcastle where Garda Nolan, a 42-year-old father of three, had played hurling with the local GAA club.

'Although he was an active member of the GAA, hurling was his love, and he played in Newcastle as there is no hurling team in Newtown,' explained Sean. Garda Nolan, a member of the force for over 20 years, had been transferred to Newtown in the early 1980s from his first station at Howth, County Dublin, and he served and lived in the area for around two years before transferring to County Wexford.

'Richard Nolan was an extremely nice fellow. He and his wife Deirdre

were known and well-liked by people in this community, who have been shocked at the news,' Sean stated.

The two gardai had been rushing to provide back-up to comrades who had radioed for assistance after a disturbance outside a nightclub. Garda Nolan was the passenger and passed away at the scene. Garda Fogarty (27) died in hospital after a four-hour battle to save his life.

Richard Nolan, originally from Carlow, is survived by his wife Deirdre and three children, Aisling, Grainne and James.

A Garda investigation is under way into the patrol crash in which the two officers were fatally injured.

# Assaulted ref at GAA county final

A DUNLAVIN man pleaded guilty this week to assaulting one of the county's leading GAA referees.

Derek Foley of 4 Sparrow Road, Dunlavin, appeared before Judge Thomas Ballagh at the local District Court on a charge of assaulting Declan Peppard at the Dunlavin GAA Field on April 15 last.

The accused pleaded guilty to the offence and after free legal aid was granted, solicitor Pat Reidy was appointed to represent Derek Foley.

After consultation with his client, Mr Reidy remarked that the matter was 'more serious' than he first thought and said that he would need some time to prepare his case.

Judge Ballagh asked if the defendant wanted to withdraw his plea of guilty and Mr Reidy replied that he did not. However, he pointed out that he may want to bring character witnesses before the court, and study the file of a case currently before the Circuit Court.

The case against Derek Foley was adjourned until October 6.

Hollywood referee Declan Peppard, an official with Ulster Bank, took charge of this year's county senior football final between Rathnew and An Tochar and also handled other senior clashes during the championship.

# Three months in jail for unlawful taking of car

A WICKLOW motorist was sentenced to three months imprisonment and banned from the road for a year, when he was convicted for drink driving and the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, at Bray Court last Friday.

Michael Doyle of 72 Mountain View, Wicklow, was before the court charged with drink driving, unlawful taking and driving without insur-

ance, at the N.11, Fassaroe on September 29 of last year.

The arresting Garda told the court that the defendant had been found with an alcohol concentration of 168 mg. per 100 ml. urine in his system at the time of the offence.

Imposing a three month sentence for the unlawful taking offence, Judge Thomas Ballagh fined the defendant £500 and banned him from

the road for twelve months on the charge of driving without insurance.

The judge also imposed a concurrent sentence of one month, together with a 12 month driving ban, on the drink driving charge.

The court was told that the defendant was currently serving a six month sentence which had been imposed at Wicklow Circuit Court.

## Popular cancer support quiz to start up again

A POPULAR annual fund-raiser which has netted close to £5,000 for Cancer Support since it was established in Arklow seven years ago, is about to get underway once more.

The Mick Rees Cancer Quiz succeeded in netting over £1,100 for the Cancer Unit at St. Vincent's Hospital last year, and organisers are hopeful that they can top that figure in 1999.

A popular local pub

quiz which takes place at the Old Ship Lounge, this year's event will be held on Thursday night next, October 7, starting at 9.00pm.

The event is restricted to a maximum of 30 tables, and admission per table of four is £10.

Local businesses and companies are being invited to support the event, and are being asked to sponsor a table or put in a team to an event.

## Important table tennis meeting

A MAKE or break meeting of one of Arklow's best known sporting clubs takes place this weekend.

And the organisers of the upcoming annual general meeting of Arklow Table Tennis Club are warning that the club could collapse if support does not materialise.

A Table Tennis spokesperson said this week that it was 'ex-

tremely important' that people make the effort to come along to the forthcoming A.G.M., which is scheduled for the Marlborough Hall this Friday, October 1, at 8.00pm.

'We need to see if it is possible to put out some teams into competition this year. If the club is not supported it will collapse', the spokesperson added.

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## Avonmore Musical Society annual show details in pipeline

DETAILS of the upcoming annual show by the Avonmore Musical Society are to be announced at a social evening being hosted by the group next Thursday night, October 7.

The local group will celebrate their coming of age 21st birthday in the coming season, and are putting in place

plans for a major musical presentation to mark the occasion.

A producer, director, choreographer and chorus mistress are already in place for the new presentation, which a group spokesman said would be 'our biggest and most spectacular production to date'.

Past and present

members of the A.M.S. are invited to the upcoming reception, and new recruits are also welcome.

The Avonmore Musical Society will unveil plans for their new show at the social evening, which is scheduled for The Marine Hotel on Thursday, October 7 next, at 8.30pm.