

Williamstown Heritage Society

The Annual General Meeting of Williamstown Heritage Society was held on Thursday, May 17 in the Parish Hall. Another very eventful and successful year were reviewed in their reports by secretary *Pat Patterson* and treasurer *Michael Gannon* and in his address by chairman *Leo Finnegan*.

Among the matters referred to in the above were the monthly meetings, the enjoyable heritage trip to South Galway and Clare in September, the visit to the unique heritage site of Kildaree/Coolcam turlough, also in September, the successful Race Night, jointly organised with Williamstown Development Company, the completion of the Development Plan for Templetogher, a very impressive document, the erection of six lovely heritage signposts around the locality, the placing of the beautiful heritage map of the parish at a strategic location on the square, the landscaping of the land adjacent to Templetogher Mill, the development of the forge and kiln with the assistance and co-operation of the Rural Social Scheme and, of special significance, the reconstruction and return of the waterwheel at Templetogher Mill.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President – Mickie Kearns;

Vice-President – Paddy Forde;

Chairman – Leo Finnegan;

Vice-chairman – Johnny Collins;

Secretary – Pat Patterson;

Assistant Secretary – Eileen Finnegan;

Treasurer – Michael Gannon;

Assistant Treasurer – Michael Tarmey;

PRO – Leo Finnegan.

Among other matters dealt with on the agenda were the situation with regard to the drawing down of various grants, the Reunion Book which is being published to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of St. Therese's Church and Heritage Day 2007.

Membership of the society at €20 is now due and our thanks to those who have already renewed. All who have yet to renew their membership may do so by contacting any of the officers. New members, including people who may not be in a position to attend the meetings, are more than welcome at any time.

Parish Publication

Thank you to those who have come forward with articles, photographs and other material for the publication which is being produced to coincide with Jubilee Year 2007, the 50th anniversary of the opening of St. Therese's Church. The deadline has now passed for receipt of such items and the response has been excellent. Those who have given the loan of old photographs can be assured that they will be returned safely.