



“A Chronology of Midwest Donegal: The Civil Parishes of Inishkeel, Lettermacaward & Killybegs Lower from Earliest Times to 2019” is a detailed and comprehensive limited edition database compiled by Tom Plunkett, the profits of which will be donated to St. Conal’s National School in Narin, Portnoo, Co. Donegal. The book will be launched on Bart Whelan’s History Show on Owenea FM 100.8 on Saturday, November 7th at 5p.m. Copies will be available in local shops from Sunday, November 8th.

This 100-page A4 softcover chronology features events relating to social, commercial, religious, educational, political and sporting themes in the Ardara, Doochary, Fintown, Glenties, Lettermacaward, Narin, Portnoo and Rosbeg areas of Midwest Donegal from earliest recorded times until 2019. The purpose of the work is to chart the development of the communities thereabouts and to record how areas prospered or regressed at various times, depending on circumstances. When reading the entries for a given year, the reader can get a sense of how the people were interacting and competing with each other, while fashioning a social, political, commercial, sporting and cultural life for themselves.

It is hoped that this book can be a useful starting point for anyone wishing to locate information on the history of this region. One may merely dip one’s toes in a particular period or read the timeline from start to finish. It will catalogue the growth of the villages and towns mentioned in the title, record events during the Famine, illustrate the local agrarian and political agitation of the late 1800s and early 1900s, record the many local deaths in the Great War, highlight incidents during the revolutionary years, and tease out domestic controversies which, at times, garnered national attention. A citation to the fact in question is always provided, so readers can locate the source material for themselves and explore further.

Copies will be on general sale in local shops and will retail at €15. Further information and pictures can be seen at:

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