



Corn an Rísigh



1944-2019

Scoil na mBáithre, Cill Chainnigh
Vs
Scoil na mBáithre, Mainistir an Corann

Ionad: Páirc Seán Locha, Callainn

Dáta: 17 Bealtaine 2019

Am: 12.00

Réiteoir: Tom Loughnane

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Réiteoir: Eamonn Mansfield

Óráid an Runaí

A chairde,

On behalf of the Rice Cup Organising Committee, I would like to extend my congratulations to all four teams on reaching this year's finals. Twenty-three teams entered into the Rice Cup this year and as usual, the standard was extremely high. Midleton and Kilkenny entered two teams into the Rice Cup proper. Many schools entered the Rice Shield also to give all panel members game time. I would like to compliment all the teachers involved with each school team in this regard, the students and the parents for all their efforts.

The Rice Cup has a long tradition dating back to 1944 and the Westcourt Cup to 1989. We also have a competition the Rice Shield that started in 2012. This year's Rice Shield final was won by Rice College beating Ard Scoil Rís in the final. This competition gives many matches to all students who had not been involved in Rice Cup. 12 teams entered the 11-aside format in the Abbey CBS Tipperary town. The school did a great job as always.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Tipperary County Board who allowed us use of their excellent facility in Thurles, Dr. Morris Park for blitz days and to their groundsman, Pat Callanan for his excellent work. Without this, we could not manage to play off the competition in such a successful way. A number of schools ran blitz days, Thurles CBS, Kilkenny CBS, STN Doon & Blackwater CC. I would also like to thank Eoin Ryan (Munster Post Primary GAA Serving Officer) and Tom Maher (Tipperary Serving Officer) who helped with contacts for referees and pitches when needed. We received huge support from schools and clubs, which help, ensure a great competition.

Special thanks must also go to former Rice Cup Chairperson and Former Principal Mr. Frank McKenna for organising Callan to host the 75th anniversary as it did for the 50th anniversary. I wish to congratulate Callan CBS on celebrating 150 years of education in the town.

I would also like to thank the referees who worked so hard throughout the competition. I would like to thank John Lockes GAA Clubs for use of their facilities for the finals. To both our referees Tom Loughnane, Eamonn Mansfield and officials, I extend my gratitude.

Mise le meas,

Niall Ó Cathail

Rúnaí Coiste Corn an Rísigh

Participating Teams 2019:

Rice College Ennis	Abbey CBS Tipp town
Midleton CBS	Ard Scoil Rís
Cashel CS	Roscrea CC
Wexford CBS	Callan CBS
Kilkenny CBS	Our Ladys Templemore
Highschool Clonmel	Nenagh CBS
Blackwater CS	Carrick on Suir CBS
CBC Cork	Mullingar CBS
STN Doon Charleville CBS	Ardscoil na Mara Tramore
Naas CBS	Thurles CBS
Gaelcolaiste Mhuire - An Mhainistir Thuaidh	Dungarvan CBS
Pobalscoil na Trionóide Youghal	

Sciath an Rísigh - The Rice Shield

Bliain	Buaiteoirí	Ról onórtha	
2012	Durlas	Ard Scoil Rís	2
2013	Cluain Meala	Cill Chainnigh	2
2014	Ard Scoil Rís	Rice College, Ennis	2
2015	Ard Scoil Rís	Durlas	1
2016	Rice College, Ennis	Cluain Meala	1
2017	Cill Chainnigh		
2018	Cill Chainnigh		
2019	Rice College, Ennis		

History of the Rice Cup

1944 was the centenary of the death of Blessed Edmund Rice (1762 – 1844). The Department of Posts and Telegraphs issued a commemorative stamp for the occasion. Most Rev. Father M. Lee P.P. in the Thurles area approached the Brothers and suggested that he would present a cup, The Rice Cup for a Hurling Competition for under 14 year olds, open to the Brothers Schools in the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emlly. This suggestion was acted upon and a committee was formed. In the early day of the competition, Thurles, Cashel, Doon, Tipperary Town CBS and Hospital (De La Salle) were the main participants. Thurles were the inaugural winners of the competition. In 1989, the Westcourt Cup was introduced as a “B” competition. The family of former underage Kilkenny hurler Dr Tom Barry of Callan sponsored the Westcourt Cup. In 2012, the Rice Shield was introduced as an extra competition to allow teams give all their panel members valuable games.

Br. O’Connell, our present Chairperson has almost singlehandedly kept this fine competition going for the past few decades. He first coached Templemore CBS in Rice Cup in 1967, winning his first title in 1969 against Charleville. Charleville player on the day, Paddy Kelly went on to teach and coach in the Abbey CBS for a number of years and was also Chairperson of the Rice Cup. Paddy coached the Abbey CBS to their sole Rice Cup victory in 1991. Br. O’Connell taught in Nenagh CBS for years and managed their winning team in 1988.



Rice Cup Champions 2018 – Thurles CBS

Callan CBS and the Rice Cup

For a school that has rarely had more than 250 pupils Coláiste Éamann Rís, Callan has a proud history of involvement in the Rice and Westcourt cups. The competition was 24 years old before Callan secured their first victory in a final in 1968 with a win over Doon CBS, a school who had 3 victories in the competition by this stage. The Callan team was trained by Galway man Mick McHugh assisted by Br Sreenan.



It took the school until 1986 to register their second victory when they had a convincing win over a fancied Sexton Street from Limerick in Thurles. This side was captained by Michael Moran (Dunnamaggin) and trained by another Galway man, Frank McKenna, assisted by All Ireland winning Kilkenny priest Fr Tommy Murphy.



In 1989 a casual conversation between Frank and Callan businessman, Pierce Barry yielded great dividends for underage hurling. Pierce, and his sister Breda Somers, were looking for a way to commemorate their recently deceased brother and famed underage Kilkenny hurler Dr Tom Barry. Frank gave two possible suggestions not expecting that both would be delivered but delivered they were. Identical cups were commissioned. One was presented to Leinster Colleges for the under 14 A grade and is known now as the Dr Barry Cup. The second is the Westcourt cup which will be played for in the second game today. In 1992 Callan, trained by Tipperary man Tim Kennedy were narrowly defeated in the final by today's contestants, Kilkenny CBS. However, things would soon change. The cohort of students who would eventually bring Leinster Senior Colleges glory to the school in 1998 were now playing Rice cup and this led to victories in 1993 and 1994. Having suffered a one point defeat in the final of the Rice Cup in 1992 a renewed effort was made in 1993 by trainer Frank McKenna now assisted by Br Liam Burke. Having accounted for Cashel C.B.S and Nenagh C.B.S., they were pitted against Thurles C.B.S. in the final. In dreadful conditions and led on by Capt. John Hickey they came through on a score line of 2-1 to 1-2. The Thurles team included one Niall Cahill who has done so much as an officer in the Rice cup committee to keep the competition alive.



In 1994, the 150th anniversary of the death of Edmund Rice, the Rice Cup was retained when in the final Callan beat Templemore C.B.S. on a score line of 0-8 to 1-1. That final, like today's, was played in John Locke Park Callan to mark the 50th anniversary of the Rice Cup. This team was captained by Noel Hickey, brother of John, who went on to win 10 All Ireland (county and club) winners medals and included a number of players who later gained inter county success with Kilkenny such as James Ryall and John Paul Corcoran.



In 1995 Callan, on the cusp of a three in-a-row, were beaten by a point after injury time in extra time of a replay in the semi-final against Ard Scoil Rís Limerick. But they didn't have to wait long to taste further success. In 1997 Kilkenny woman Catherine Rice-Kelly became the first woman to train a Rice Cup winning side assisted by staff member and former pupil Dermot Ronan. This team was captained by goalkeeper David Herity who went on to great success in that position with the Kilkenny team.



Further glory was to come in 2001. The sixth and, to date final, success was hard earned. It was achieved after victories over Clonmel, Kilkenny, Ennis and Nenagh CBS culminating in a 1-9 to 1-8 victory in Templemore over Thurles CBS in the final. That side was captained by Eoghan Fahy and trained again by Mrs Rice Kelly and Mr Ronan.



So, as we head into the 75th Rice Cup final Callan, with 6 victories, lie proudly in 3rd place in the Roll of honour behind Templemore (2nd) and Thurles (1st). Ominously the schools in 4th and 5th are today's contestants. We wish them both well. Best of luck to Niall Cahill and those running the competition.



Callan CBS winning captain 1994 on the 50th anniversary of the competition, Noel Hickey will present the cup today the 75th anniversary.



Br. Ó Donnchú: Our former principal, colleague and friend.

Former Principal Thurles CBS & Kilkenny CBS

It was with deep sadness that we, the staff of Thurles C.B.S. received the sad news of the passing of our former principal, colleague and friend Br. O Donnchú. For those who worked with him he was known simply as the 'The Boss', a term of endearment and endear himself to us he most certainly did.

Br. Ó Donnchú came to Thurles in 1991 and he remained with us as principal until 2001 when he retired to the missions in Zambia. However he always maintained his links with the school and helped in establishing our immersion project, the seeds of which were sown in 2004 when two members of the teaching staff went to Zambia and met with Br. Ó Donnchú in Mufilira. His enthusiasm and eagerness to maintain his link with the C.B.S resulted in our first immersion project in 2005. This was the first of many trips our students made to Zambia where they worked alongside Br. Ó Donnchú in the local communities. Much needed funds were raised which helped in building schools, workshops and many other much needed infrastructure. The famous 'Tipperary Plots' in the middle of Murundu compound were cultivated by Br. Mick as he endeavoured to teach the locals the importance of growing crops and being self-sufficient. Br. Ó Donnchú made our visits to Zambia possible. Without his help and encouragement before, during and indeed after the trips to Zambia the project would not have been possible. He provided a safe environment for us on our visits.

During his time as principal of the C.B.S. he not only managed the school but he also taught many classes and also involved himself in coaching hurling teams. He taught computer classes, music classes, Irish classes, religion classes and many more. He made it his business to teach classes and involve himself in the lives of each of the students.

Being a proud Tipperary man, his love of hurling was clear to all. While the Harty Cup eluded him during his time as principal, he saw the Dean Ryan cup come to Thurles in 1992 and the White cup in 1996, 1997 and 2001. He was so proud of his links with Thurles C.B.S when in 2009 and 2015 the Dr. Harty cup finally made its way back into the trophy cabinet in Thurles

C.B.S. How apt it was that some of his former students were part of the management team that brought our school to victory. He followed every game from afar.

Many past pupils recall how he brought the teams to the Mona Lisa after matches and how he would call a whole school assembly to celebrate our successes in sport. With great enthusiasm he would take out the guitar and sing 'Slievenamon' at the top of his voice. He referred to these occasions as 'The Huha in the hall.' Everyone would join in the celebration feeling uplifted and enthused. His vibrant personality rubbed off on everyone: wellbeing at its very best.

He is remembered by all, both past pupils and those of us lucky to have worked with him as a kind and caring man who treated all who knew him with absolute respect. He knew each of his pupils by name and he knew where they came from. In fact he maintained connections with many of his past pupils corresponding with them regularly and updating them with stories of his work and life in Zambia.

He lived his life embracing the spirit and ethos of Blessed Edmund Rice. His kindness was clear for all to see during his time in Thurles. Summer months were often spent touring Europe on his motorbike, visiting with fellow Christian Brothers around the world, organising shipments of old sewing machines, computers and anything he felt might be of use to developing communities. Never a man to rest on his laurels he was regularly seen walking the countryside of Tipperary, his mind always working on ways he could help others less fortunate than himself.

Although he left us as principal in 2001 we always felt so connected with him and his presence at our many Bicentennial celebrations in 2016 was wonderful. It was particularly special that that he was home to perform at our past pupils concert where he took to the stage and entertained the audience with many of his old classics. He loved the stage and loved entertaining others. Being in the company of so many past pupils and former staff members along with current staff was special and many stories were shared over the course of the night. We will always remember his kindness and generosity, the many hot breakfasts quietly organised for those who needed them in the monastery kitchen. We remember his famous Russian hat and the many school trips when he himself would drive the school mini bus, be it to a match, to a retreat or a school tour. We remember his smile, his greeting and his handshake. We remember his warmth and welcoming voice. We will no longer meet him in the staffroom or on the corridors as we did during his many visits home but we treasure the memories he has left us with. While we all have a different story to tell, we smile when we recall his favourite song

'Happiness, Happiness, the greatest gift that that I possess,
I thank the Lord that I've been blessed
With more than my share of happiness.'

Br. Ó Donnchú shared that happiness with all those who were privileged to have known him and for that we are forever grateful.

Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilís.

M.Lloyd C.B.S. Thurles

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Bliain	Buaiteoirí	Ról onórtha	
1989	Durlas	Baile Thiobraid Árann	6
1990	Carraig na Siúire	Pobalscoil An Abhainn Dubh	4
1991	Ros Cré	Durlas	3
1992	Durlas	Cluain Meala	2
1993	Cluain Meala	Ros Cré	2
1994	Ros Cré	An t-Aonach	2
1995	Durlas	Dún Bleisce	2
1996	An t-Aonach	Pobalscoil Caiseal	2
1997	Pobalscoil Caiseal	Dún Garbhán	1
1998	An t-Aonach	Carraig na Siúire	1
1999	An Teampall Mór	An Teampall Mór	1
2000	Dún Garbhán	Coláiste an Rísigh, Inis	1
2001	Baile Thiobraid Árann	Pob. Na Trionóide, Eochail	1
2002	Baile Thiobraid Árann		
2003	Baile Thiobraid Árann		
2004	Cluain Meala		
2005	Baile Thiobraid Árann		
2006	Pobalscoil An Abhainn Dubh		
2007	Dún Bleisce		
2008	Pobalscoil An Abhainn Dubh		
2009	Pobalscoil An Abhainn Dubh		
2010	Pobalscoil An Abhainn Dubh		
2011	An Teampall Mór		
2012	Coláiste an Rísigh, Inis		
2013	Baile Thiobraid Árann		
2014	Dún Bleisce		
2015	Pobalscoil Caiseal		
2016	Baile Thiobraid Árann		
2017	Pobalscoil Na Trionóide, Eochail		
2018	Baile Thiobraid Árann		
2019			

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Scoil na mBráithre, Rath Lúirc

1. Kristian O’Gorman
(Charleville)
2. Niall Tobin
(Bruree)
3. Joseph Hickey
(Ballyhea)
4. Zack Biggane
(Charleville)
5. Bill Collins
(Newtownshandrum)
6. Shane Fitzgibbon
(Dromin Athlacca Banogue)
7. Robert Troy
(Newtownshandrum)
8. Daniel Scully
(Dromin Athlacca Banogue)
9. Fionn O’Brien
(Bruree)
10. Eoin Horgan
(Granagh Ballingarry)
11. Fionn O’Sullivan
(Ballyhea)
12. Conor Dowling
(Castletown Ballyagran)
13. Kieran Murphy
(Newtownshandrum)
14. Eoin O Mahoney
(Newtownshandrum)
15. Conor Horan
(Ballyhea)

Fir Ionaid:

16. Roy Barrett (Charleville), 17. Luiz Paulo Freitas-Almeida (Charleville), 18. Jack Jones (Charleville), 19. Garrett Gleeson (Charleville), 20. DJ Collins (Charleville), 21. Richard Matthews (Charleville), 22. Robert Carroll (Charleville), 23. Tom McCarthy (Newtownshandrum), 24. Sean O’Connor (Newtownshandrum), 25. Luke McInerney (Newtownshandrum), 26. Ian Sheehy (Granagh Ballingarry), 27. Danny Russell (Milford).

Roghnoirí:

Mr. James O’Riordan & Mr. Michael Reidy

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Pobalscoil na hAbhainn Móire, Lios Mór

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| | 1. Oisín Aldred
(Lismore) | |
| 2. Joe Ardern
(Lismore) | 3. Christian O'Brien
(Lismore) | 4. Jack McDonnell
(Cois Bhride) |
| 5. Joe Motherway
(Lismore) | 6. Gus Nugent
(Naomh Brid) | 7. Alan Hurley
(Cois Bhride) |
| | 8. Jake Henley
(Cois Bhride) | 9. Tadgh Duffin
(Lismore) |
| 10. Ronan Mansfield
(St Olivers) | 11. Keelan Hannigan
(Ballyduff) | 12. Mark Burke
(Ballyduff) |
| 13. Ben O'Sullivan
(Lismore) | 14. Shane Bennet
(Lismore) | 15. Joe O'Keefe
(Lismore) |

Fir Ionaid:

16. Ian Martin (Cois Bhride), 17. Ciaran Lenehan (Cois Bhride), 18. Adam O'Dwyer (Lismore), 19. Dylan Sheehan (Cappoquin), 20. Tomas Ahern (Ballyduff), 21. Callum McCarthy (Cois Bhride), 22. Jack Mullhall (St Olivers), 23. DJ Nugent (Lismore), 24. David Landers (Lismore), 25. Shane Cunnigham (Ballyduff), 26. Micheal McCarthy (Lismore), 27. Callum Quinn (Lismore), 28. Cian O'Brien (Cois Bhride), 29. Cian O'Mahony (Lismore).

Roghnoirí:

Mr. Brian Foley & Mr. Sean Murphy

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Scoil na mBráithre, Cill Chainnigh

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| | 1. Tom O'Neill
(Dicksboro) | |
| 2. Nathan Pollard
(Dicksboro) | 3. Jack Kelly
(Blacks & Whites) | 4. Billy Wall Young
(James Stephens) |
| 5. Billy O'Neill
(Graigue Ballycallan) | 6. Michael Stynes
(Dicksboro) | 7. Bobby Brennan
(Gowran) |
| | 8. Noah Scully
(Barrow Rangers) | 9. Brian Moore
(Dicksboro) |
| 10. Ryan Corcoran
(Graigue Ballycallan) | 11. Ivan Bolger
(Graignamanagh) | 12. Ruaidhri Galwey
(O'Loughlin Gaels) |
| 13. Greg Kelly
(O'Loughlin Gaels) | 14. Killian Dollard
(Dicksboro) | 15. Conor Bourke
(Barrow Rangers) |

Fir Ionaid:

16. Sean McGrath (Graigue Ballycallan), 17. Éanna Ó Cassaide (Danesfort), 18. Alex Cass (Thomastown), 19. Cathal Purcell (Barrow Rangers), 20. Billy Sinnott (Danesfort), 21. Darragh Carpenter (Barrow Rangers), 22. Ben Young (Graigue Ballycallan), 23. Brandon Wall (O'Loughlin Gaels), 24. Bill Whelan (James Stephens), 25. Harry Cummins (Dicksboro), 26. Christy Murphy (Dicksboro), 27. Shane Culleton (St. Patricks), 28. Billy Fitzpatrick (Dicksboro), 29. Fionn Lawlor (Dicksboro), 30. Ruairi Harrison (James Stephens), 31. James Casey (Graigue Ballycallan), 32. Joe Cleary (James Stephens), 33. Mark Cleere (Dicksboro), 34. Daniel Power (James Stephens), 35. Ronan Walsh (St Martins), 36. Adrain Owour (John Lockes), 37. Billy O'Sullivan (James Stephens)

Roghnoirí:

Mr. Aidan Moran, Ms. Emma Kavanagh, Mr. P.J. McCormack, Mr. Brendan Hanley, Mr. Peter Mulhall

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Scoil na mBráithre, Mainistir an Corann

1. Zach Smith
(Midleton)
2. Seán O'Callaghan
(Aghada)
3. Dara Scanlon
(Midleton)
4. Alex Moloney
(Midleton)
5. Tadhg O'Leary-Hayes
(Midleton)
6. Daniel Murnane
(Carrigtwohill)
7. Fionn O'Connor
(Aghada)
8. Shane Irwin
(Erins Own)
9. Kane Walsh
(Lisgoold)
10. Timmy Wilk (Capt)
(Cobh)
11. Dylan McCarthy
(Killeagh)
12. Joel Joseph
(Carrigtwohill)
13. Cillian Barry
(Carrigtwohill)
14. Colm Leahy
(Killeagh)
15. Patrick Walsh
(Carrigtwohill)

Fir Ionaid:

16. Cian Mulcahy (Sarsfields), 17. Daragh Fitzgerald (Midleton), 18. Noah Devoy (Aghada), 19. Seán Brennan (Carrigtwohill), 20. Niall Lang (Midleton), 21. James O'Brien (Fr. O'Neills), 22. Tiernan O'Connell (Erins Own), 23. Eoghan Rooney (Fr. O'Neills), 24. Sean Geaney (Kiltha Og), 25. Tomás Condon (Aghada), 26. Brian Flynn (Kiltha Og), 27. Evan McGrath (Midleton), 28. Cathal Murphy (Kiltha Og), 29. Daniel Nolan (Carrigtwohill), 30. Charles O'Neill (Kiltha Og), 31. Mark O'Neill (Fr. O'Neills), 32. Oscar Slyne (Aghada), 33. John Walsh (Aghada), 34. Aaron Kearns (Aghada), 35. Conor Hill (Carrigtwohill), 36. Brian Scannell (St Colmans), 37. Darragh Dunphy (Lisgoold), 38. Darragh O'Brien (Killeagh), 39. Warren Broderick (Kiltha Og), 40. Eoghan Devaney (St Colmans), 41. Oran Sweetman (Kiltha Og), 42. Jack Broderick (Aghada), 43. Aaron Desmond (Carrigtwohill), 44. Sean Quirke (Kiltha Og), 45. Darragh Ahern (Midleton).

Roghnoirí:

Mr. Tyrone Kennedy & Mr. Dave Colbert

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Bliain	Buaiteoirí	Bliain	Buaiteoirí	Ról onórtha	
1943	Durlas	1984	Mainistir an Corann		
1944	Durlas	1985	Durlas	Durlas	15
1945	Durlas	1986	Calainn	An Teampall Mór	12
1946	Dún Bleisce	1987	Mainistir an Corann	Calainn	6
1948	Caiseal	1988	An t-Aonach	Mainistir an Corann	5
1949	Caiseal	1989	An Teampall Mór	Cill Chainnigh	4
1950	Durlas	1990	Caiseal	Ros Cré	4
1951	An t-Ospidéal	1991	Baile Thiobraid Árann	Dún Bleisce	3
1954	Durlas	1992	Cill Chainnigh	Caiseal	3
1956	Dún Bleisce	1993	Calainn	An t-Aonach	2
1957	Cill Chainnigh	1994	Calainn	Sráid Sexton	2
1959	An Teampall Mór	1995	Ros Cré	Áth Dara	2
1960	An Teampall Mór	1996	An Teampall Mór	Cnoc Síon	2
1961	An t-Aonach	1997	Calainn	Ard Scoil Rís	2
1962	Inis	1998	An Teampall Mór	Baile Thiobraid	1
1963	Dún Bleisce	1999	Cill Chainnigh	Árann	
1964	Ros Cré	2000	An Teampall Mór	Ráth Luirc	1
1965	Ros Cré	2001	Cill Chainnigh	Dún Garbhán	1
1966	Ros Cré	2002	Calainn	Inis	1
1967	Durlas	2003	Ráth Luirc	Cluain Meala	1
1968	Calainn	2004	An Teampall Mór	An t-Ospidéal	1
1969	An Teampall Mór	2005	An Teampall Mór	Lios Mór	1
1970	Sráid Sexton	2006	Mainistir an Corann		
1971	Caiseal	2007	Durlas		
1972	Áth Dara	2008	Durlas		
1973	Áth Dara	2009	Dún Garbhán		
1974	An Teampall Mór	2010	Ard Scoil Rís		
1975	An Teampall Mór	2011	Cluain Meala		
1976	Cnoc Síon	2012	Mainistir an Corann		
1977	Durlas	2013	Durlas		
1978	An Teampall Mór	2014	Mainistir an Corann		
1979	Cnoc Síon	2015	Durlas		
1980	Sráid Sexton	2016	Ard Scoil Rís		
1981	Lios Mór	2017	Durlas		
1982	Durlas	2018	Durlas		
1983	Mainistir an Corann	2019			