



A view from the Chairman.

John McCarthy

As I write this piece the weather is certainly Summer and hopefully it will continue until September.

This wonderful weather will allow you to get into the garden, to have it at its best when the judges do the rounds for the Rathgar Residents' Association Garden Competition. With its many categories, it affords an opportunity for everyone to have a go. Please make the effort and let Rathgar look its best.

The Rathgar Residents Association as well as other interested bodies have been in discussions with Dublin City Council to improve the appearance and facilities in the village. There is general agreement on some elements, such as the pedestrian crossing from the 108 pub on Rathgar avenue to The Deli on Orwell Road, however progressing these items to completion is proving to be very trying. There is agreement that footpaths in the area will be repaired, however getting a start date is virtually impossible. Dealing with Dublin City Council requires a great deal of patience. So please bear with us.!

The Hertzog Park plans are still under review and a new proposal from DCC, based on submissions from the public, is due to be put to a public meeting shortly. When the Association is aware of this, we will circulate the date and venue to all. Please check in with the website for this information.

Previously I promised to keep all Road Reps up to date with a monthly briefing of the activities of the committee. I have recently been remiss but will resume in September. I suggest that you check the website for current developments. If you have any suggestions for content for the website, or you have an event you wish to be featured, please get in touch with a member of the committee and we will get it posted.

Have a good Summer

Environment:

John McCarthy

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the problems which have plagued our local environment for years are continuing to be issues. There is a general untidiness in our area because of dog fouling, graffiti, litter and the state of disrepair of roads and footpaths.

Dog Fouling

Dog Fouling unfortunately continues to be a problem. While I must commend the majority of dog owners who do clean up, there is a minority of dog owners who do not do so. These irresponsible owners demonstrate a wilful disregard for neighbours and their neighbourhood. Dublin City Council's response is non-existent.

Graffiti

Graffiti and 'tagging' are a constant eyesore to local residents. There seems to be no satisfactory solution, but we must continue doing all we can in reporting new graffiti to Dublin City Council.

Litter

There is a lack of litter bins in and around Rathgar. This leads to a build-up of litter on the roads. Despite numerous complaints to Dublin City Council, nothing has been done to remedy the situation.

Roads and Footpaths

Currently, Dublin City Council seem to have no policy of continuous road and footpath maintenance, instead making repairs in response to complaints. Such system is unsatisfactory as people daily risk life, limb and damaged vehicles because of pot holed surfaces.

When Summer turns to Autumn bringing heavier rain and the falling of leaves, roads and footpaths which are currently dangerous will only become more so. Pedestrians, particularly the elderly, risk heavy falls whilst cyclists and motorists are faced with punctured tires and damage to suspensions and wheels if not injury to themselves or others. This is all because the City Council doesn't have a regular road and footpath maintenance plan.

Community Charges

There is still a frustrating lack of clarity on how our Property Tax is to be allocated and spent. Nor indeed do we know how it will be assessed into the long term

Front gardens and the Litter Act 1997.

There is an interesting section of the Prevention of Litter Act which places an onus on owners of private property.

Section 3 of part 2 of the Act requires the owner or occupier of property which has an outdoor area visible from a public place, to keep such area free of litter. Failure to do so can result in a fine or prosecution by the local authority.

How many properties (particularly badly maintained apartments) are in Rathgar where front gardens suffer from litter?

This is something that can be reported to DCC who are then obliged to take action!

Tidy Towns

Some suggestions have been made that Rathgar would benefit from having a Tidy Towns Group. What do you think? Write or email the Chairman with your views

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Planning Report May 2016 Philip O'Reilly

The new City Development Plan, (2016-22), in draft form and still under discussion, will soon begin to exert its influence, as the current one passes into history at the end of this year.

Looking at many of the proposals in the new plan, as indeed with the current plan, it is becoming increasingly difficult for this planning officer to interpret what are the “proper principles of planning and sustainable development”.

Permissions for the demolition of buildings are now frequent, as a new breed of speculators seek to build on bigger and higher footprints. The Planning Authorities appear to be actively encouraging this.

Rathgar is no exception to this trend with a recent an Bord Pleanala decision to permit the demolition of numbers 189 and 190 Rathgar Road for a replacement three storey apartment block. These are two perfectly sound houses which form the centre part of a group of 4 original houses. Two 19th century houses can now be swept away to make way for a modern edifice with little relation to its surroundings.

The housing crisis is a daily media issue but two houses with in place permissions for development still lie roofless on Leinster Road West and Le Bas Terrace, in spite of several complaints from this Association. The demolition of both of these houses was refused over two years ago but they are now going to rack and ruin and will eventually fall down.

Developments in Harold’s Cross at Rosy O’Grady’s pub for an aparthotel came to a shuddering halt during the year when the application was withdrawn signalling the end of that saga (until of course, the next one comes along). It appears that the “in place” permission for apartments (until 2019) is not cost effective.

Another positive outcome during the period was the upholding by An Bord Plaeanal of a refusal for two further houses on the site to the rear of 126 Leinster Road and where some 7 houses have already been built.

A proposal to demolish a two storey building at 206 Lower Rathmines Road at the end of Leinster Road near the Town Hall and replace it with a five storey structure was refused. This has been appealed to An Bord Pleanala and the Association has made a submission on this.

Further down Lower Rathmines Road, at no 40,42,44 and 46, the Association commented on the application. Permission was granted but on a much scaled down version.

In accordance with our policy to have regard to developments along the Dodder (the Dodder being an important amenity for our area) the Association lodged an objection to a considerably intensified development at the former Smurfit site on Clonskeagh Road. There are many objectors to this proposal which backs onto the river and the matter is still ongoing.

Other developments on Rathgar Road, while commented on, met with little success with the applicants getting what they were looking for.

There were developments at 73 Highfield Road and 12 Highfield Road, both of which are ongoing and both relating to “mews houses”. Other parts of Rathgar have seen an increase in application for mews houses including Garville Ave, Kenilworth Lane, Rathgar Ave. and Tower Ave.

Developments at 1 Garville Road are causing serious concerns to many residents in the area and we are assisting them in opposing an out of character, over scaled, development.

With a planning history going back over a decade, there is a planning application in for the erection of a number of communications towers on the roof of the Orwell Nursing Home on Orwell Road. This is being opposed by the Association and residents.

Meanwhile, all systems are underway for the building of the new residential complex on the Marianella site. The Association is having regular meetings with the developers to review work in progress and ensure that adequate standards in relation to the construction works are maintained at all times. It is hoped that inconvenience and disruption to the area at large, is kept to an absolute minimum. The developers have recently lodged the first modification to the original approval that they took over from the Redemptorist Fathers and we are reviewing our approach in this regard.

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Some Notes and Comments

Annual Garden Competition 2016

RRA Front Garden Competition and RHS Annual Show

One of the highlights of the RRA calendar is the annual garden competition which celebrates the fabulous front gardens of Rathgar.

The RRA Committee are very grateful to Patricia Rickard Clarke who redesigned and ran the competition for several years, Patricia has stepped down from the RRA Committee and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her work. Regular walkers among us will all have their favourite garden but the months of June/July will see the judges of our Annual Garden Competition walking the roads in the area seeking out interesting and creative gardens. We urge you to keep your containers, hedges and gardens looking their best during this time as you never know when the judges might pop by.

We are very grateful to the business owners in the area who sponsor the prizes presented to the winners. Prize giving will take place on the **16th July at the 62nd Annual Show run by the Rathgar Horticultural Society**-another highlight for the gardeners of Rathgar which is well worth putting in your calendars!

More information about both RRA Garden Competition and the RHS Annual show can be found on our website: [rathgarresidentsassociation..ie](http://rathgarresidentsassociation.ie)

A Walking Guide to Rathgar

Now that Summer is here, members will recall that the Association in conjunction with DCC published a handy and informative guide to a 90 minute walk through Rathgar.

Copies of this guide are available in the local libraries. As well they can be picked up in local shops. Alternatively, you can email the Association and a copy will be sent to you.

Book reviews: Some recent publications of interest

The Rivers Dodder and Poddle: mills, storms, droughts and the public water supply

**Don McEntee & Michael Corcoran Four Courts Press April 2016
€17.95**

The Rivers Dodder and Poddle is the first in a new series of books issued by Dublin City Council to explore the engineering history and heritage of the city. This well-researched and lively book gives a complete overview of two notable rivers in Dublin city and county.

Over many years the River Dodder, rich in history and archaeology, has been the engrossing subject of numerous books and papers. Most of what has been written focuses on particular aspects of the river, e.g. flora and fauna or folklore and legend. In contrast, this book concentrates on the engineering history and topography while not neglecting other relevant issues of the river and the Bohernabreena Reservoirs. The Dodder's role in supplying water to Rathmines and Rathgar and the later integration of this system with the wider Dublin public water network is also explained. Information has been collected from a wide range of very diverse sources – some of them contradictory – and only inserted on verification. The Bohernabreena Reservoirs, more properly known as the Glenasmole Reservoirs, and their unique role in water supply, millers' compensation rights and flood control, are a central feature of these pages. The authors describe the Dodder – as with any other river, having its own unique catchment and other attributes - from as many other different viewpoints as possible. The Poddle - which in essence is a tributary of the Dodder – is also explored. This river, which is now mostly underground, is famous for the Dubh Linn, the peaty pool which formed at its confluence with the river Liffey.

The Complete Guide to the Statues and Sculptures of Dublin City

Neal Doherty Orpen Press 2015 €15

This guide provides the complete answer to such questions as

- Do you know where the ten virgins are located on O'Connell Street?
- Do you know which piece of music is featured on the statue of Daniel O'Connell?
- Do you know which Dublin statue has a hat and a cat as symbols of freedom?

All the answers are in this book together with many more. This book provides many more answers to who were the sculptors, their subjects and symbolism behind all the two hundred statues which adorn our streets and parks between the two canals. These works provide a story of Dublin from the arrival of the Vikings through the years of oppression, the Great Famine, the rich architectural Georgian period to the struggle for Irish freedom until the present day. The artists tell their stories not just of leaders but of myths of writer, thinkers, scientists and dreamers who have shaped, not only the city but all of Ireland over the centuries.

The Walk and Talk programme of City walks continues.

Contact DCC **2222148** (between 9-5pm),

email: letswalkandtalk@dublincity.ie

Address: Community Development Section, Dublin City Council, Block 4, Floor 1, Dublin 8. www.letswalkandtalk.ie

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The Rathmines, Ranelagh and Rathgar Historical Society

There is always something of interest. A new series of lectures will start in the Autumn

Information: Rathmineshistoricalsociety.com or

email: rathmineshistoricalsociety.ie

Rathmines and Terenure Libraries

There is always a lot going on in your local library. So keep a watching eye.

There are reading groups in both libraries.

Rathmines 4973539.

Terenure 4907035

For the historian the **Dublin City Archive and Library Reading Room** in Pearse Street is the place to be.

Dodder Greenway Plans

Plans for the Dodder Greenway which will run from the Liffey to the mountains will soon be available for public consultation. Remember Orwell Park and Dartry Park are wonderful local facilities enjoyed by walkers, dog walkers, nature lovers (have you recently seen the fox vixen and her cubs at Rathfarnham weir, the dippers nesting in the weir wall, the flash of blue as the kingfisher flies off and the imperturbable heron) and fisher men. **Whilst this wonderful facility should be shared, it must not become a cycle superhighway to the detriment of all other user.**

Have your say!

The Dodder Action Group. (dodderactiondublin.com) have made a very comprehensive and balanced submission on the proposals

Support your local shops

Shop locally whenever you can. This will keep our local shops in business and retain the character of Rathgar as a living community.

In Memoriam

**Jane Richardson, past Committee Member/Secretary and Road Rep,
Rathgar Avenue**

Barbara O'Neill, past Committee Member/ Secretary

Tommy Cronin of The Gourmet Shop

Our sympathies are with their families

May they rest in peace

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Marianella Orwell Road Gone!

As the last traces of the Redemptorist monastery and that Order's Dublin home for almost 100 years is reduced to rubble, the fine old trees are cut down and dispensed with and the little interesting chapel gets broken down in

salvageable parts, all to be replaced by over 200 "exquisite homes", it is perhaps worth recalling the history of 75 Orwell Road and its original house before it is lost entirely to history.

In 1910 the Redemptorist Order purchased a house at 30 Highfield Road to provide a residence for their students attending the National University in the city centre. They called this house Marianella. This house proved too small and so in 1919 a larger house-Faunagh House - was purchased at 75 Orwell Road.

Faunagh House was the home of the Colley family for a number of years before the Colley family moved to Corcagh House in Clondalkin. George and his wife Edith Finlay moved to Clondalkin when she inherited the Corcagh estate. She became heiress as her three brothers had died in the first world war. The Colley family had strong military connections. An ancestor was the Duke of Wellington. Another was George Pomeroy Colley a general in the Boer war. Elizabeth Bowen was a cousin. The last Colley to live at Faunagh House was George. On census night on 2nd April 1911 the residents of Faunagh House were recorded as twelve in number. George Colley was listed as landowner and recorded as "deaf only" His brother Edward is listed as civil engineer and 35 years of age. Edith -Georges wife was 30 years of age with a daughter of 11 1/2 months. In addition, there was a butler, a chauffeur and six servants. Edward Colley was to perish in the Titanic a year later.

The Redemptorists moved into their new home which soon became known as Marianella. This served as a centre for students until late 1928 and after that as a centre for missions and retreats.

Marianella (or Faunagh House) continued to serve the community until the early 1960s when a major development took place with the construction of a seminary to accommodate "seven professors, 50 students, a missionary community of 20 and 10 guests".

Faunagh House (or old Marianella) was demolished soon afterwards. A chapel was added in 1974

Amphibians in Rathgar.

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In 1993 a geology student working on Valentia island off the coast of Kerry identified a track of footprints fossilised in the rocks as being amongst the most ancient footprints on the planet, dating back 385 million years, an incomprehensibly long time, in an era predating the earliest dinosaurs by over a hundred million years. They were made by an amphibian, a tetrapod, the first fully land-living animals to evolve after fish began to leave the water, another tricky concept, but that's the beauty of evolution and of the fossil record, almost every step, and even some of the footsteps are preserved for us to see. The Valentia tetrapod was around 4 feet in length, and for those of you that find tadpoles a little creepy, you might like to consider what size those tetrapod tadpoles were!

In Ireland we have three amphibians living in the wild. The Common Frog (*Rana temporaria*), the very localised Natterjack Toad (*Bufo calamita*) and the Common Newt (*Triturus vulgaris*).

Amphibians are our ancestors, their DNA is part of our make-up, without them we wouldn't exist. However, our evolutionary line split from the amphibians about 360 million years ago. Evolution continued both for ourselves and our amphibious cousins; yet today we still have a remarkable amount in common with them.

The basic body pattern of frogs and humans is very similar and recent scientific research has uncovered similarities in our gene patterns too, so much so that frogs are now an intrinsic part of some research into understanding the genetics involved in diseases such as Alzheimers, heart-disease, asthma and some cancers.

Many amphibians reside in Rathgar, so if you have a pond of any size even though it may not be much more than a puddle or a rain-filled flower pot, it might well have been used by these residents for spawning around the end of February with the tadpoles hatching from mid May. Frogs are a great addition to any garden and will eat many insects, slugs and snails, but like many of the best guests they're not fussy eaters and will also eat worms. Common newts are a possibility in garden ponds as well.

Frogs are susceptible to many kinds of pollution and a healthy frog population is indicative of a healthy environment. A widespread decline in their numbers is likewise indicative of environmental problems and as we are all dependent on the same water, air and soils by keeping our frogs healthy we are keeping ourselves healthy also. To finish with, here's another bit of mindboggling information that brings us face to face with the temporary nature of a world that we like to think of as a constant: When those foot prints in Valentia were laid down on the soft sandy shore of a shallow sea, that part of Ireland lay somewhere around the equator, about 6000 km to the south.

1916 to 1921

Some Rathgar connections

Eoin McNeill



Gaelic Scholar, Chief of Staff and later Cabinet Minister, Eoin McNeill was born in Glenarm Co Antrim into a middle class family. He received his primary education in local schools and his secondary education in St Malachy's College Belfast. He secured a degree in constitutional history, jurisprudence and political economy, having attended law lectures in Trinity College and Kings Inns. In 1893 together with Douglas Hyde he played a major role in setting up the Gaelic League. In 1909 he was appointed professor of early Irish history in UCD. He was involved in forming the Irish Volunteers later becoming its chief of Staff. He saw them as a means of defending nationalists. Early in April 1916 the Irish Republican Brotherhood produced the forged castle documents and convinced McNeill that the government was about to arrest nationalist leaders. Because of this and on being informed that arms were due to be landed, he reluctantly assented to the proposed rising; believing it to be at that stage an essential act of defence. However, on learning that he had been misled and apparently on hearing that Roger Casement had been arrested, he withdrew his support. McNeill and others including Arthur Griffith met late on Easter Saturday 22nd April in the house of Dr Seamus O Kelly at 53 Rathgar Road. Here they set about countermanding the Rising and from here McNeill travelled to the Middle Abbey Street office of the Sunday Independent to place the countermanding notice. Despite his orders to the contrary the rising went ahead on Easter Monday. McNeill was arrested for his part in the rising and sentenced to life imprisonment. He was released in June 1917. He was elected a member of parliament in 1918 general election but didn't take his House of Commons seat. Instead he sat in the first Dail and was appointed first Minister of Education. In 1924 he was appointed the Irish representative on the boundary commission. He resigned as commissioner and minister in 1925. He stood as the Cumann na nGaedheal candidate in the 1927 general election but was defeated. He returned to academic life.

Liam Archer

Some recollections of Lieut Gen. Liam Archer, 31 Victoria Road, Rathgar, of events at Church Street, Dublin, Easter Week 1916 (Bureau of Military History 1913-1921 document 819. Recollections recorded in 1953)

The "split" came and the company divided, the greater number being members of the AOH joined the National Volunteers. A number remained with the Irish Volunteers. I

was amongst the latter group and I severed my connection with the AOH.

The situation rapidly clarified and early in 1915 I joined F Company 1st Battalion. A few weeks before I joined, Piaras Beaslaoi, who had been Company Commander became Vice Commandant of the Battalion. He was succeeded by Fionan Lynch and Lieutenants were John F Shouldice and D Hegarty.....

Beaslaoi, Lynch, Hegarty and many members of the Company were also active members of the Keating Branch of the Gaelic league and I also became a member. During later years the Company and the Branch were closely linked.

In the company were a number of civil servants and as surveillance of Volunteer parades by the police intensified, it was deemed desirable to form them into a Special Section parading on Sunday morning in 25, Parnell Square. I was made Section Commander. I think this took place early in 1916 or late 1915.

I acquired a Lee Enfield cavalry carbine, a .25 Harrington & Richardson auto and a large hunting knife. My uniform was complete but I adapted leather buttons and a soft hat instead of a peaked cap.

I was inducted into the IRB, a short time prior to Easter Week and about a week beforehand I was told the Rising would take place Late on Saturday we learned that the “rising “ fixed for Sunday would not take place. As far as I recollect, this intimation followed the countermanding order issued by Eoin McNeill

On Easter Sunday I was on duty all day in the Keating Branch. That night we were passing the time playing cards in the small “guard” room and were joined by Michael Collins... His entrance was characteristic of him as I later knew him. He forced his way to the table, produced two revolvers and announced he would ensure there would be nothing crooked about this game. Not to be out done, we all produced our weapons At 10 am on Easter Monday, D O Hegarty delivered to me an order to have my section mobilised at Colmcille Hall, Blackhall Place at 10 am

(Being unable to locate the men in his section) I set off on foot for Blackhall Place, carrying 150 rounds of .303 and 100 rounds of shotgun ammo.

I reached Colmcille Hall and “fell in”. At that time Lieut Shouldice had not reported and I was ordered by F Lynch to take his place. As I knew the area well, I was ordered to move the company into Church street This I did, via Queen Street, Smithfield, Bow Street, Mary’s Lane . By this time Lieut Shouldice had reported and I was detailed as escort to V. Comdt. Beaslaoi with whom I proceeded down Mary’s Lane. The people were very hostile and there was some excitement. V.C. Beaslaoi ordered me to fix my bayonet. This I did and immediately a very fat dame in spotless white apron and voluminous shawl leaped in front of us and beating her ample bosom with clenched fist, called on me to “put it through me now for me son who is in France”

We steered past her and proceeded to Walter Coles Fruit Stores in Greek Street.

The store was full of tin canister bombs. After a short stay we moved to another store in Greek Street. On this trip in some building we visited there were a number of new auto pistols -painters or parabellums and a good supply of ammunition but my recollection was that no one knew how to use them

After this tour I found myself free and joined Lieut Hegarty who was erecting a barricade outside the Franciscan church in Church Street. He was concerned that a passage led through the church grounds from Bow Lane to Church Street just where the barricade was sited and so could be outflanked. We examined this passage and considered blocking it with seats taken from the church. A couple of the friars became very perturbed but the Superior drew them away, saying it was better that they be ignorant of what we did.

We did nothing in fact, and I do not think the passage was blocked during the week. It was of course closed by high iron gates at each end. I next barricaded the junction at Church Street, May Lane and Mary’s Lane using rubble and timber from the ruins of a house. Later one was erected in May Lane near the entrance to Jamesons’ Distillery. This was made of carts from the distillery. A number of others were erected at the Corporation market and Cuckoo lane off Beresford Street. I think they were all in place by Tuesday. These four barricades covered a derelict and open area which had been created some years previously by the demolition of old tenements and all barricades faced outwards. I had ultimately about twenty men, I think, under my command with John O Connor (solicitor) as sergeant. Presumably because of the number of barricades and that the position was the link between Upper Church Street and Brunswick Street and the Four Courts, I was ordered by Fionan Lynch to retain the rank and position of Lieutenant given by him on Monday morning when it appeared that Lieut. Shouldice might not be able to reach the company.

During Monday we were visited by two priests from nearby parishes who though first annoyed with us, nevertheless spoke kindly and gave us conditional absolution. People passed freely but as the barricades grew we refused passage to those who were sightseers. By late evening only holiday makers on their way home and looters sought to pass through. The former we passed through in conveyed groups; the latter we stripped of all their loot and tried to frighten with dire threats. The people in the area were generally hostile for the first few days but later their attitude changed completely.

Julia O'Donovan

Some recollections of Julia O'Donovan, 10 Garville Avenue, Rathgar, of meetings held at her house by Michael Collins and his colleagues in 1920 (Bureau of Military History 1913-1921 document 475. Recollections recorded in 1951)

I lived at 16 Airfield Road and on the 6th of January 1920 Michael Collins came to the house. It was through Gearoid O'Sullivan who was my cousin that I first made Mick's acquaintance. I had previously left a key for him at Mrs O Keefe's in Camden Street. He said he arranged to meet Gearoid O'Sullivan who was to bring him to the house but Gearoid hadn't turned up. He could not, he said, remember my address, so he had to look up the Dail Loan list to find it.

He knew I had subscribed £10 to the loan for which incidentally, I have the receipt. I should also mention that a short time after, he deposited £4000 of Loan money in the Munster and Leinster bank in my name, and I still have a notification from Mick with a personal note at the end informing me that he had withdrawn the money and thanking me for my cooperation. Mick and Gearoid stayed with us that time for a month or more. They were both in great anxiety about Barton's arrest which took place then. We were startled one night about 12 o'clock in February 1920, by a knock on the door. Gearoid opened it and found Tom Cullen had brought some very important documents which probably had been procured by one or other of their agents at the Castle. When the knock came Gearoid and Mick had been going through Dail Loan papers -I think from Sligo- and hearing the knock they thought it was a raid and burned the papers

.....Shortly after that they left the house but they came back every Sunday to lunch without exception until the Truce. Usually they brought someone with them but very often the people came early and waited for them. During this time guns were sent in egg cases to the house or to our shop in Rathgar Road. I remember one such parcel came from Tom Hales from Cork and another from Neil Kerr. I also had a shop in Mespil Road which was a covering address for Volunteer letters. It was raided one Sunday morning but fortunately no letters were there.....

From time to time most of the prominent Volunteers in Dublin and Cork came to our house which Mick had made a rendezvous for such meetings. Dick McKee dined with us on the Sunday before he was arrested. Diarmuid O'Hegarty, Fionan Lynch, Eoin O'Duffy, Sam Maguire and Neil Kerr came often. Kevin O'Higgins, Dick Barrett, Charley Hurley, Liam Deasy, Tom Barry and many others. Cathal Brugha never came.

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