



## Orchard planted by Children of Kenmare



*Mark with the children who were involved with the Orchard planting*

During the many miles of travel on my Senate campaign, one of the best community initiatives I came across was the planting of an orchard organised by Councillor Sinead Guckian in her home village of Drumsna, Co Leitrim. The apple trees were placed along a road leading into the village and were planted one summers evening by Sinead and the people of the area.

Inspired by this Noel Crowley, of Kenmare Tidy Towns, and I organised the planting of apple trees by the children in the Ardbhearna Estate followed by a small party in celebration. Children were given a tree to plant themselves that would represent each family living in the estate. With projects like this and countless others it is easy to see why Kenmare won the Best Kept town in Ireland award last month.

# Grandfather's War of Independence Records Uncovered After Search by Department of Defence

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18 DEC 1936  
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Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a Service Certificate, and must be signed by him, and his signature witnessed. The completed form must reach the Minister for Defence on or before the 31st December, 1936. In the event of an applicant being unable to write, he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (to be written in block capitals). DALY CHARLES  
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS (to be written in block capitals). SPRINGMOUNT  
FARRANFORE CO. KERRY

NOTE.—Before answering the questions below, the applicant is requested to note that:

(a) This form is divided into three parts. Part I. is to be completed where the applicant had, in addition to the required pre-Truce Service, Service in the Forces in the period commencing the 1st July, 1922. Part II. is to be completed where the applicant's qualifying service in the Forces was pre-Truce only. Only one of those two parts is to be completed by any one applicant. Part III. is of general application and should be completed by all applicants.

(b) Before completing particulars as to rank the applicant should read carefully the First Schedule to the Act and also the definitions of the expressions "first critical date" and "second critical date" which are appended to this form for the information of applicants. He should then complete his replies to the questions in the terms of Rules 1 and 2 of the First Schedule which are applicable to his case, e.g. :—

was "a Divisional Adjutant" or  
was "a Battalion Quartermaster whose Battalion was (at the critical date) not less than one hundred in strength," or  
was "an officer of Fianna Eireann commanding one hundred members or more."

If applicant's case falls within either Rule 3 or Rule 4 of the First Schedule full particulars of the claim as required by those Rules should be given, if necessary, in a separate statement.

(c) All statements made in this application will be carefully investigated, and satisfactory evidence must be forthcoming on request to substantiate each and every statement made.

(d) "If any person with a view to obtaining either for himself or any other person a grant or payment of a pension under this Act, makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application or other written statement knowing the same to be false, such person shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding £25 (twenty-five pounds) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or at the discretion of the Court to both such fine and imprisonment."  
(Sec. 19 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

Great Grandfather, Charlie Daly's Application

With the assistance of Captain Mac Eoin in the Military archives section in the Cathal Brugha Barracks the War of Independence records for my Grandfather and Great Grandfather were discovered.

The documentation uncovered included my Grandfather's, Charlie Daly, application for War of Independence medals. The service records of his father were also part of the papers. These fascinating archives show involvement in attacks on Scartaglen and Gortalea RIC barracks.

To obtain your relative's service record you can download the application from my website by clicking [here](#) and sending it to the address shown.

## Mark Daly to do Voluntary work with AIDS Organisation in Zambia



*Mark with Minister for Overseas Development and parliamentarians at announcement of VSO trip*

I have arranged with the [Voluntary Service Organisation](#) (VSO) to spend three weeks working as a volunteer in Zambia. Zambia is ranked by the United Nations as the 165th poorest country in the world of 177 listed. 17% of 15-49 year olds are suffering from the AIDS virus and over 660,000 children have been left orphaned by the disease (see attachment for audio clip of Newstalk). (View [video](#) on Overseas Development)

VSO have asked me to work with [ZARAN](#) a national AIDS organisation. I will be bringing my experience as a parliamentarian to teach ZARAN staff how best to lobby Zambian MPs.

While in the country I will also visit the Alan Kerin's Project in western Zambia. Alan Kerin, as well as being an inter-county hurler for Galway, started this charity that, every year, saves thousands of people from dying of starvation due to a localised Famine. Alan was named Ireland's person of the Year in 2006, for more information on his continuing work click [here](#).

### **Valentia Coast Guard Station Questions still Unanswered**

Startling facts were revealed when the long awaited and much overdue documents promised by John Fearon, the Assistant Head of the Department of Transport, were delivered.

The most amazing discovery was that the statement in the Fearon report that Pat the Cope Gallagher had altered the previous Ministers decision to expand Valentia and Malin Coast Guards Station has proven to be without foundation. This is the basis for the entire argument behind the closure of Malin and Valentia. It is hoped to get Fearon before the Transport Committee again in the Autumn.

To read about the issues discussed in the Valentia meeting please click [here](#)

## Appendix 1

### Seanad Transcript 10/07/08

**Senator Mark Daly:** The country is facing a huge financial loss that would make the Army deafness claims seem like a drop in the ocean. ComReg, the communications regulator, has confirmed to me that there is no requirement on mobile phone companies to indemnify the Government against losses caused by the potential health effects of mobile phones and mobile phone masts. This is particularly concerning because so many mobile phone masts are located on OPW land, Garda stations and hospitals. Lloyd's of London, which can assess any possible risk, refused to insure mobile phone companies against the potentially damaging health effects of mobile phones and mobile phone masts. If Lloyd's of London is not prepared to insure mobile phone companies the Government should require mobile phone companies to indemnify it against any potential class action suits. Employers could find themselves in trouble if employees develop cancer and brain tumours due to the use of mobile phones; the Association of British Insurers said as much in a recent report. I ask the Leader to ensure that the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources implements the recommendations of the report and sees that the Government is not held liable for the actions of mobile phone companies.

# The Kingdom

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GAA hero Mick O'Connell joins Kerry's politicians in fight to save local station

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Mick O'Connell (third from right) at the meeting with, from left, Senator Mark Daly, Deputy Tom Sheahan, Peter O'Sullivan, Senator Paul Coughlan, Anthony O'Connell, Sean Murphy, Deputy Jackie Healy-Rae and Paudie Lynch.

## Kerry delegation scores on heated Valentia crux

GAA legend Mick O'Connell was part of a high-profile Kerry delegation to the Dáil to seek answers on the proposed closure of the Valentia Marine Rescue Centre.

The Save Our Station action group representatives attended an Oireachtas Transport Committee meeting in a bid to convince the Minister for Transport to reverse his decision to relocate the service from centres in Valentia and Malin head to a centralised base.

Kerry Dáil and Seanad rep-

resentatives were also present at the meeting to put further pressure on the minister to think again about the controversial plans.

Also in attendance was John Fearon who is the author of the report on which the decision to close to two stations is based.

Speaking after the meeting, Senator Mark Daly said that Mr Fearon had conceded much ground at the meeting and it throws a whole new light on the matter.

Senator Daly claimed Mr

Fearon did not offer a response to questions on a major discrepancy between the recommendations of his report and a statement from then Minister Pat the Cope Gallagher who stated in 2006 that, as part of the review of the Irish coast guard management, the 24-hour, seven days per week services at Malin Head and Valentia would remain.

According to Senator Daly, members of the committee were not presented with any documentation or facts to

back up the disputed elements of the Fearon report.

The meeting, requested by Senator Daly, was attended by cross party interests from Kerry and Donegal, including Deputies Jackie Healy-Rae, Tom Sheahan and Jimmy Deenihan and Senator Paul Coughlan.

Meeting chairman, Deputy Paul Connaughton, acknowledged that there were still many questions to be answered on the report and a number of issues which will have to be addressed.

## Family care is under severe pressure

FAMILY care in Ireland is under severe threat as the current model of care proves unsustainable. This is the finding of a new report, 'Listening to Carers', based on national consultation with family carers.

The report was launched by Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Mary Hanafin and was attended by a number of Kilkenny carers.

Enda Egan, CEO of The Carers' Association said: "This report reinforces anecdotal evidence that family care in the home is no longer a viable long-term solution under Government's current residual model of care.

The report finds that family care in Ireland is under severe threat due to increasing female labour market participation, an ageing population, longer life expectancy and inadequate supports and services."

The Carers' Association in partnership with Caring for Carers Ireland and Care Alliance Ireland, held a series of eight nationwide consultation forums scoping the views and issues of concern to family carers.

The results are presented in the new report 'Listening to Carers'.

Most carers prefer to care for their loved ones in the home but the report finds this unsustainable in the long-term and there are few alternatives due to the absence and inadequacy of residential care and comprehensive community support services.

The 'Listening to Carers' report identifies three key pillars the Carers Strategy must address including a fair shouldering of the caring responsibility by the State; adequate income support for carers and a range of support services that target and meet carers' needs.



Carers under pressure: Pictured at the launch of the 'Listening to Carers' report are (l to r) Geraldine Molloy, Family Carer, Kilkenny, Senator Mark Daly, Minister for Social & Family Affairs Mary Hanafin TD, Theresa Hume, Family Carer, Kilkenny and Pat Grogan, Centre Manager of The Carers' Association, Kilkenny