

## Youth Heritage Project 1985

Once again the Irish National Insurance Company Limited came up with most generous sponsorship so that Youth Heritage Project 1985 was launched; exhibits were prepared and mounted and an exciting prize-giving ceremony filled Rothe House with young hope and enthusiasm.

Over 50 projects were presented for the judges' scrutiny, subjects varying from a mill to an abbey, from a parish to a house, from Lady Desart to Mr Nowlan after whom a park was named. So the task of the judges was difficult, considering the novelty of theme and the variety of presentation, but Miss Prendergast, formerly of the National Museum staff, Mr. Con Manning of the Office of Public Works, and Mr Peter Seaver of the graphics department of the *Kilkenny People* deliberated most seriously for two weeks and came to their decisions.

The OVER-ALL WINNER 1985 who got the Perpetual trophy and the award in Junior Group Section was the Castlecomer Boys' National School. Last year the same school won but with a completely different subject: 1984 — 'Curing in 'Comer'; 1985 — 'The Mill at Ballyhimmin'. This was a comprehensive analysis of the old grain-mill from its structure to its account books.

Mr Peter Seaver commented most favourably on the improved presentation, all entries being better illustrated than formerly, all most colourful and obviously planned with care. The same thought went into choice of subject. As the area for research is Kilkenny or Ossory and environs and the line of study comes under the wider headings of archaeology or history, the field is wide indeed. A random list of subjects includes the Family at Lyrath, the Freshford Cross, Maudlin Street, Kilkenny's Railway, Civil War in Kilkenny, George Berkeley. Entries came from Freshford, Graignamanagh, Ballyhale, Castlecomer, Jenkinstown and above all, the city. It is hoped that the enthusiasm and excitement of 1985 will arouse interest among other students, schools and clubs while at the same time those who have been contributing over the last 5 years will continue with their happy hours of research and ultimately feel a sense of achievement when the final product hangs for all to see in Rothe House.

Yet again the members of the Youth Heritage Project Committee wish to express a most sincere word of thanks to the management of the Irish National Insurance Company Limited

without whose sponsorship this most important work for young people could not be achieved. At prize-giving it was good to hear Mr Durcan, the Kilkenny Branch Manager hint that sponsorship would continue.

## RESULTS

<b>Junior Individual</b>	Rushes in the Barrow Valley Elizabeth Hamilton	1st Place
<b>Senior Individual</b>	The O.K. House Ann Griffin	1st Place
<b>Junior Individual</b>	Local Usages Enda McGrath.	2nd Place
<b>Senior Individual</b>	History of Hedges Mary Doyle	2nd Place
<b>Junior Group</b>	Mill at Ballyhimmin 6th Class Castlecomer Boys' N.S.	1st Place
<b>Senior Group</b>	Francis & Florence Hackett Group Leader: Orla McMahon	1st Place
<b>Junior Group</b>	In Living Memory Group Leader: Michael Manning	2nd Place
<b>Senior Group</b>	Presentation Convent, Kilkenny Group Leader: Catriona Kennedy	2nd Place

## OVERALL WINNER

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The Mill at Ballyhimmin.

**SPECIAL AWARD** : Graignamanagh for the Visitor.  
— Vocational School, Graignamanagh.

## CERTIFICATES OF MERIT :

Knocktopher — Historic Heritage	Cynthia Doyle
Desart Hall	Julie Orr
Maddoxtown Mill	Alex O'Dwyer
Knitting, a Fashionable Craft	Noelle McCabe
Civil War in Kilkenny	Ann Manning

Street Furniture in Kilkenny

Marguerite Bolger

St. Canice's Cathedral, 7th Centenary

Model School group

Uppercourt House

Freshford Foróige

Banim Brothers

Group Leader: Joyce Lambe

Flashback on Social Scene, Johnswell 1900-1985

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