

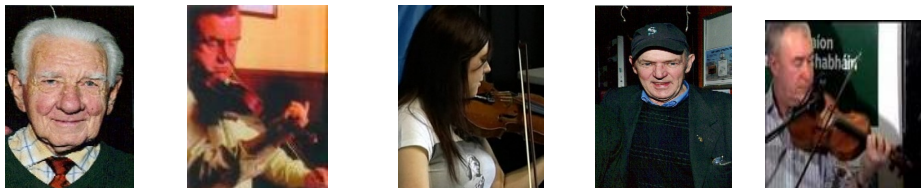


John Joe Gordon was born in April 1928, the youngest of seven children - born to Mary and John James Gordon, who worked a small farm in the townland of Drumcully, which lies halfway between Belleek and Belcoo. He had five sisters and one brother and although some of his sisters were good singers, he was the only one who played any music. His mother who came from Glenfarne, Co. Leitrim was from a

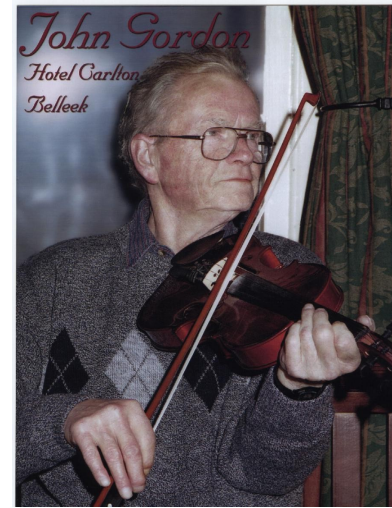
family of Maguires which produced several talented musicians; she herself could sing and played a little on the fiddle. His father John James was also a good fiddler - John Joe would often reminisce on childhood days in Drumcully when his father would get down a big book of Irish dance music and play tunes from it. Sometimes friends and neighbours would gather into the house and there would be plenty of singing and dancing - his father would provide the music, occasionally joined by other musicians from the locality.

From an early age John Joe showed an interest in music - he learned to play the mouth organ first and when he was about six years old his father taught him to play the fiddle. The first tune he learnt was the air to "My Aunt Jane". When he had been playing for about four years his mother entered him in the Fermanagh Feis - despite being the youngest of twenty nine competitors the ten year old John Joe took first place. His prize money was fifteen shillings which was worth a lot more in 1938 than it would be now.

John Joe passed away December 2002 'Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis'.



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John Joe Gordon

4th Traditional Music Festival Belleek Co. Fermanagh 10th - 12th December 2010



Programme of Events

Friday 10th

Wark Hall

8.30pm



Fiddle Recital

Featuring Ben Lennon, Fr Seamus Quinn, John & Conor Mc Evoy, Dessie O'Halloran, Ronan Regan, Kevin Abeyta & Lydia Warnock
Followed by session in the Fiddlestone Pub



COMHALTAS

This weekend is organised by Erne Music Club, Belleek CCE



Saturday 11th

Wark Hall

12.30pm - 1.30pm Childrens
2pm - 4pm Adults



Sean-Nós Dance Workshop
with Mick Mulkerrin

5.00pm

Fiddle Workshop

With Conor Mc Evoy
TG4 Gradam Ceoil 2009
Young Musician of the Year
(intermediate upwards)

Hotel Carlton

2.30pm

Trad session with

Gary Fitzpatrick & friends



3.30pm

Rosie Stewart Introduces

special guests

Damian McKenna & Gareth Maguire
2010 All Ireland Singing Champions



Saturday 11th contd...

Black Cat Cove

8.30pm



John Joe Gordon

Commemorative Concert

Compered by Vince Hearn, Ocean FM
Featuring many local and visiting artistes

Sunday 12th

Shannagh Nursing Home

Traditional Session 1.30pm (Private)

2.30pm

Franks Bar (Mc Morrows)

Trad Session with Kathleen Meehan,
Jim Connolly & friends



4.30pm

Ceili in the Wark Hall

music by the Lough Erne Ceili Band

6.00pm

Fiddlestone Bar

Grand Finale With Francie Rasdale & friends