

### Seán Guilfoyle (1928-1998)

The parish of Newport was deeply saddened at the unexpected passing last September of one of the pillars of the community. Seán Guilfoyle, a native of Carney, Nenagh, came to Newport in 1961 to teach in the local vocational school. He was an excellent teacher who earned the respect and admiration of his students. He later became Vice-Principal of the school, a position he filled with distinction up to the time of his retirement five years ago.

Throughout almost four decades in Newport Seán was involved in everything that was for the good of the community. He gave generously and unselfishly of his time, taking a personal responsibility for everything he undertook. He was the leading light behind the design and construction of the community centre and spent many years on the parish council, where his experience in running fundraising ventures was invaluable.

A founder member and past Chairman of the Newport Historical Society and a committee member of the Co. Tipperary Historical Society, he was an ardent enthusiast of local history, who arranged talks, walks and tours. He was also a founder member of the gaol restoration project, which opened the new Bridewell Centre only weeks before his death. Seán was a great follower of our native games and a lover of all things Gaelic. His last function for the parish was the closing of the *Siamsa Tulach Sheasta* Festival weekend, of which he was Chairman.

Deanaimid comh-bhrón lena bhean chéile Máire, a chlann mhac (Tomás agus Máirtín) agus a iníonacha (Máire agus Edel). Ní fheicimid a mhacsamhail go brách arís. Suaimhneas Dé dá anam.

*Michael Collins.*