

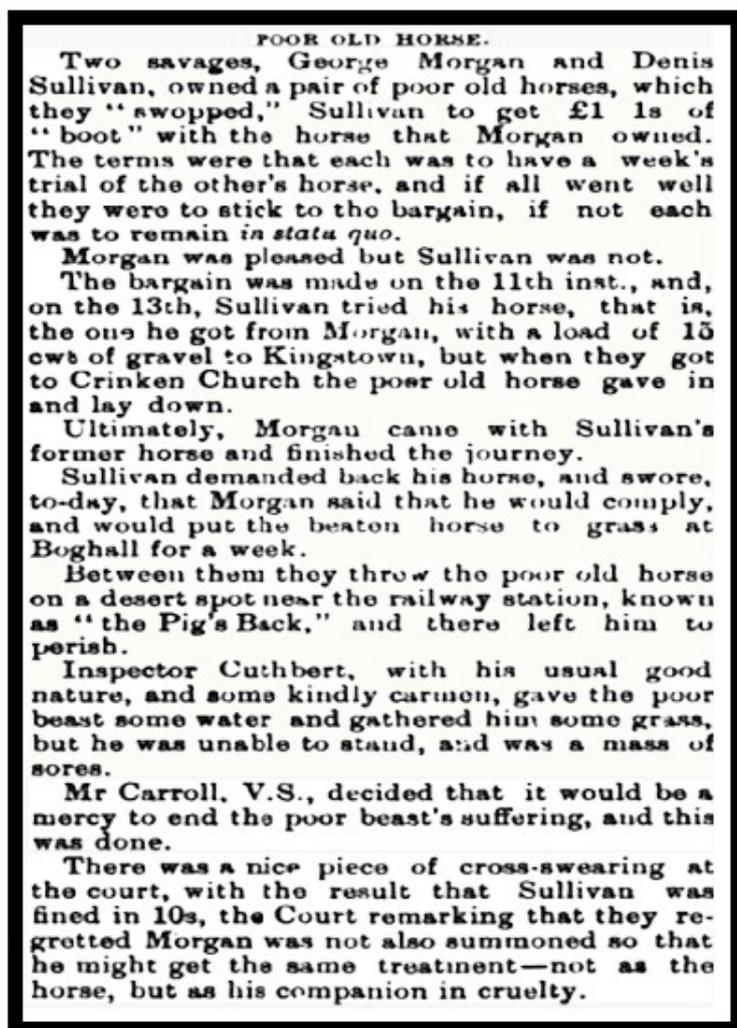
Boghall Paper 8a (Other News Stories)

Boghall Paper 8A, Boghall in the News (1744- 1901).

Looking back through the newspapers, books, journals and magazines gives us some interesting stories about the Irishtown and Boghall area of Bray.

The tale of two carriers in 1901 George Morgan of Bray and Denis Sullivan of Glenageary, they decided to swap a pair of old horses. Sullivan got Morgan's horse plus £1 and one shilling.

In June 1902 Sullivan was taking a load of gravel from Bray to Dun Laoghaire (Kingstown) when the horse lay down near Crinken Church. Morgan arrived with Sullivan's former horse to complete the journey. The horse that lay down was put out to grass in Boghall and then left abandoned on the Pig Bank near Bray Railway Station. The pig bank is the link walkway from Fatima Hall on the Quinsboro Road to the Seapoint Road. The case of Morgan and Sullivan end in a court session when the magistrate warned both men regarding the use of abusive language. Many former dray horses of Dublin were put out to grass at Boghall near Bray and at Kilcoole.



More horse riding back in 1744 recalls one of the best-known characters of Boghall, and he is mentioned three times in the ballad of Killruddery Hunt that took place on 5th December 1744. The character from Boghall was Henry Preston of Preston Hall that is now Belcourt on the Boghall Road. In the ballad he is called Hal Preston.

One of the oldest newspaper references to Boghall happened in March 1781, when a house belong to Mr William Raft of Boghall Lane was destroyed by the chimney falling on his house and his son broke his leg. – The Dublin Evening Post 6th March 1781.

The Freemans Journal of 19th March 1838 reported that a number of farms in the Boghall area of Bray were destroyed by sweeping floods destroying property and crops.

The first school recorded on the Boghall was in 1843 when Mrs Lamburne Smith rented Belcourt, her establishment had 12 young ladies. After their initial schooling at Bray, the young ladies would be expected to go to England for the purpose of acquiring an English Accent.

PRESTON HALL, BRAY,
(Near Dublin.)

MRS. LAMBURNE SMITH, an English Lady, who is perfectly acquainted with the principles of Education, having for some years conducted a School of high respectability in England, has opened a Seminary for a limited number of young Ladies in the vicinity of Bray; and as the whole of her establishment consists of English Assistants and Servants, she hopes it will obviate the necessity of parents of distinction sending their children to a school in England for the purpose of acquiring the English accent, as well as the habits of order so peculiar to that country. The highest reference to families of distinction will be given. This year no Vacation at Midsummer, and the Half-year will commence from the day the young Lady becomes an inmate of Preston Hall.

For further particulars as to terms, &c., apply to Mrs. Lamburne Smith, as above.

April 12, 1843.

Saunders's News-Letter, 2nd May 1843

In 1857 and again on 8th August 1863 the property of Preston Hall (Belcourt) was put up for sale with the sale taking place on the 12th August 1863.

RESIDENCE NEAR BRAY, COUNTY WICKLOW

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, on SATURDAY, the 27th DAY of JUNE, 1857, at the hour of Three o'clock in the afternoon, the Dwelling-house, Out Offices, and Premises known as PRESTON HALL, BRAY.

The House contains two Sitting rooms, five Bed-rooms, Kitchen, Pantry, Servants' Apartment; also Coach house and Stable, Lock-up Yard, Garden, and Field, containing 2a. 2r. 30p., held for an unexpired term of sixteen years and three lives, all in being, subject to the yearly rent of £27 10s. Preston Hall adjoins Kilruddery, the seat of the Earl of Meath, and is within one mile of the railway station. For further particulars apply to Messrs. Alma and Hackett, Solicitors, 24, Bachelor's walk: or to

JOHN LITTLEDALE, Auctioneer,
No. 9, Upper Ormond-quay,

Note—There is a very fine crop of Wheat now growing on the lands, which a purchaser of the House can have at a valuation.

Dublin Evening Mail, 26th June 1857

Another sale in July 1893 of 20 acres saw Mr Richard Barrington pay £2,000, but in October of 1893 the field was inspected by the Rathdown Board of Guardians as a possible burial site. The graveyard attached to St Paul's Church was almost full, likewise the graveyard at St Peter's in Little Bray.

New burials in St Paul's graveyard ceased in 1911, while the old graveyard at St Peter's closed and a new graveyard came into existence in 1905 and was further expanded in 1955.

In 1861 contractors were sought to improve the road between Boghall and Windgates, the rate for the work was 2s-3d per perch. Likewise in 1866 contractors were sought to repair the road between the Bray Town boundary

(Killarney Lane) and Boghall Road junction at 2s-2d per perch. Improvements of the drainage and replacement of the balustrade on the bridge at Boghall was listed as part of the 1861 repairs.

The Wicklow People of 29th January 1898, a Miss Jane Power of Boghall was summoned by Head Constable Carroll for being guilty of riotous behaviour and cycling in a dangerous manner. In the 1901 census there is a Jane Power of Bray and her occupation is shown as begging and her age is 41.

Both the Irish and American newspapers carried the tragic death of Teresa Daly the youngest daughter of Francis and Annie Daly, Teresa was only 19 years.

The Wicklow People of 26th May 1894 Christopher Fields of Boghall and Michael Murray of Rathnew were charged with assaulting each other. Constable Kennedy gave evidence. Another assault charge was taken in 1895 when Mr Denny of Boghall assaulted the assistant stationmaster Mr Peter Farrell at Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) Railway Station.

In 1898 Miss Elizabeth Orme of Gortnamona, Boghall brought her Irish Setter to the annual dog show at the Royal Dublin Society show, she came away with 2nd prize.

Due to many complaints about the condition of the footpaths in Boghall, the County Wicklow Grand Jury the forerunner of the Wicklow County Council spread 30 cubic yards of gravel on the paths of Boghall in 1897.

The Freemans Journal 11th June 1877 reported that a man was summoned by a constable for having a goat tethered beside the highway on the Boghall Road, endangering public safety.

The Bray Harries meeting of St Stephens Day 1900 (26th December) gives us great detail about the area of Boghall and Irishtown.

THE BRAY HARRIERS.
(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)
Met at Bray on St. Stephen's Day, and despite the counter attraction at Leopardstown there was a goodly muster of the regular followers out, and a large number of people driving. Hounds were laid on near the County Wicklow Cricket Grounds, and, with a short delay, they were soon in full swing, heading for the Boghall road. Then ran through Miss Orme's land, over a nasty fence, into Irishtown, where the river took some doing. Then over some nice fly fences into Gilspur, and on through Hollybrooke Wood into Mr. Bernard Mason's farm. Here the pace became very hot, and continued so till we reached the village of Kilmacanogue, where a welcome check gave our horses a short breathing time. All too soon hounds are again away, going through Mr. William Buckley's land out to the Little Sugarloaf Common. Again passing through Mr. Buckley's farm the hounds check for a second time close to the Glen of the Downs. After another short interval Mr. Harrison makes a successful cast at the back of the Reservoir, and hounds are again racing through Mr. S. Fox's land, this time heading for Kilmacanogue. We have here to negotiate a very formidable obstacle in the shape of a huge boundary wall leading into Mr. Ryder's farm, and a few fields further on hounds run out of scent, after a capital run of over seven miles. I am sorry to have to chronicle a serious loss that a local V.S. met with at the first check, where a useful horse of his succumbed to the hard riding of his sporting owner.

The County Wicklow Cricket Grounds is now County Wicklow Tennis Club.

Mrs Orme land is now Bentley Park.

The nasty fence at Irishtown is the site of the new SuperValu store on the Southern Cross Road.