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Josephine Gillespie



Moll Flanagan. Another staff member from Rush Hill, Moll is the maid. Moll is into fashion and likes to be kited out in the best finery. She is also very sad at the impending change in her circumstances but she may yet have a smile on her face. Played by a newcomer to the Ardagh colours Breege Kelly.



Mr. Allison. Played by Brendan Rutledge who has the task of co-ordinating and dealing with the legalities of the auction of Rush Hill. There is a mountain of paperwork to be sorted out..



Mrs Kilroy. Renowned for her fashion, she is thrilled that her son has met someone and is full of praises for him. Not shy to extol his virtues when given a chance. She is equally proud of her husband James, the rural councillor. Played by Mary Martyn.

"If you'd followed up your success and married me there'd be no auction today. If an old woman hadn't put out her washing on a certain day I wouldn't have been an orphan at three years old. If a gust of wind hadn't blown her washing across the road, my father's horse would have trotted on home. If they'd kept the news from mother for three days she might have survived the shock and so might the infant brother. If I hadn't missed a train by two minutes I'd have a profession today. If Uncle Hugh hadn't run to catch a train he'd be in Rush Hill today and no auction. If I don't see you again"

"If" may not be finished with Hugh yet. If by some divine intervention, if, if, if.....

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PRESENT

"Professor Tim"

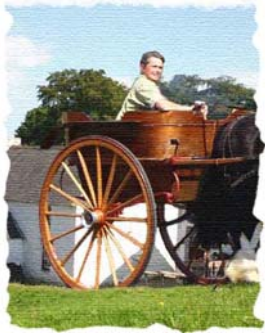


A play by George Shiels

Ardagh Community Centre

February 2005

Produced by Paddy Finan



PROFESSOR TIM

**The Ardagh
Community Players**
got together in Spring

2003. Following the success last year of Sharon's Grave they return with Professor Tim by George Shiels. The Play was first produced in the Abbey Theatre in Dublin in 1925.

Born in Co. Antrim in 1886, George Shiels emigrated to Canada where he had a railway accident in 1913. On return home he began writing short stories before turning to drama.

Professor Tim returns after many years to visit his sister Bridget and her family. His demeanour on arrival is not what she expected. To make matters worse a local farm Rush Hill is to be auctioned off and she has no plans for Tim to attend. She has her own ideas and gets a helping hand from the local councillor.

***Act One.** The location is John Scally's kitchen. It is an early July morning.. The scene is set and the main characters are introduced.*

***Act Two.** The action takes place in O'Cahan's dining room later that morning. Rush Hill is for sale and where better to have the auction?*

***Act Three.** We return to John Scally's kitchen for the final act and a few surprises.*



THE CAST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)



Peggy Scally. This lady has a few decisions to make about the men in her life. Torn between the affections of one, the attentions of another, a hen pecked father and her

genuine concern for the professor, she has her hands full. Played by Joan Rutledge.



Hugh O'Cahan. He was the love of Peggy's life and he might still have a "soft" spot for her. Horses are the love of his life, which has been tough and riddled with "ifs". Rush

Hill is for sale to pay for his riotous living and a new life in Australia beckons. Played by Seamus Barrett.



Bridget Scally. Peggy's mother and John's wife takes no prisoners. She is THE woman of the house, with an eye for the "better" things in life. With seven singles in the house she would not rule out

a bit of matchmaking to "help one of them out". Excited mounts when she hears her brother Professor Tim is to pay a visit. Her excitement may not last. Dolores O'Boyle plays this feisty lady.



John Scally. He has to put up with a lot; he IS married to Bridget! John may however not be all that he seems and may have a few surprises up his sleeve. Played by Michael

Flanagan.



James Kilroy. The rural councillor is set to expand his property portfolio. Rush Hill is a vast holding and would make an ideal start for a family. The deal could be pulled off with a little help and a match thrown into the bargain. Played by Seán Doherty.



Joseph Kilroy He is the son of the councillor and has his eye on a bit of romance. Seems a little fixated by one particular young lady. If he had property surely he was on the pigs back. Is he fussy or just anxious to settle down? Played by Alan Moran. This is his first time to take to the stage in Ardagh.



Professor Tim. The wanderer returns from his travels to visit his sister Bridget.. He is a little under the weather and it is not all travel related. His timing is perfect, he is just in time for the auction which he can't resist attending. He has one or two cards left to play but they are guarded closely. Played by Padraic Traynor.



Paddy Kinney. The groom from Rush Hill is sad to see this place go under the hammer but at least he is going to attend and watch proceedings. Has an eye for fashion but may have his eye on things other than the auction!. Played by Paddy Finan, who can't be carried this time out but still manages to double up again as producer.

