

Directors: Josephine Gillespie & Mary Martyn  
Stage Management: Cormac Flynn  
MC: Seamus Flynn  
Sound & Lighting: Niall Gillespie, Seán Doherty, John O’Hora  
Stage Crew: Pauline Timmons, Noel McAndrew, Gerry McAndrew, Seamus Reddington (Artist), Brian Finan, Chris Flynn.  
Front of House: Noel McAndrew, Dolores O’Boyle, Gerry McAndrew, Breege Kelly, Lena Slye.  
Costumes & Make up: Joan Rutledge  
Programme: John O’Hora  
Poster: Office Pro, Bernard Guthrie, Tel: 087 7669476

Previous productions by Ardagh Community Players

- 2004 - Sharon’s Grave – John B. Keane
- 2005 – Professor Tim – George Shiels
- 2006 – Wigs on the Green – Noel Marian
- 2007 – Moll – John B. Keane
- 2008 – Swan Song – Noel Marian
- 2009 – The Country Boy – John Murphy
- 2010 – Big Maggie - John B. Keane
- 2011 – Cripple of Inishmaan - Martin Mc Donagh
- 2012 – Cafflin’ Johnny - Louis D’Alton
- 2013 – A Damsel From Dublin - Thomas King-Moylan
- 2014 – Cobweb’s Glory – Bryan Michael O’Connor
- 2015 – Bless Me Father – T. A. Powell
- 2016 - Cupid Wore Skirts – Sam Cree
- 2017 – Sive – John B. Keane
- 2019 – The New Gosoon – George Shiels

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# ARDAGH COMMUNITY PLAYERS

PRESENT

## “The Farm Boy”

A drama in 3 Acts

By Ann Lavelle



ARDAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Fri 14th, Sat 15th, & Sun 16th February 2020

Ardagh Community Players are delighted to take on the challenge of this new play by Achill playwright Ann Lavelle. Set in rural surroundings in an Ireland of the sixties, the plot revolves around the O'Brien household and the effects of Martin's overpowering influence on all those whom he surrounds. Not an easy man to live with, he is more tolerated by his family and neighbours than accepted. The play explores the impact of his life on those closest to him including his wife, son, friends and even the local doctor. However his illness brings with it a time for reflection and further secrets from the locality.

There are three acts:

Act 1 Scene 1: 8<sup>th</sup> December in the O'Brien kitchen.

Scene 2: The local bar

Scene 3: Later on that night in O'Brien's.

Scene 4: Four months later, Easter time. O'Brien's kitchen.

Scene 5: Three months later, July. O'Brien's kitchen.

Act 2: Three scenes which all take place in O'Brien's.

Act 3: Scene 1. Outdoors beside a ditch.

Scene 2: Six months later in O'Brien's.

Our **directors** this year are **Josephine Gillespie** and **Mary Martyn** who have both been with the group from the outset in varying roles both on and off the stage. This is their first venture in the directors seat.

### Meet the cast:

**Martin O'Brien:** The controlling man of the house is played by **Seán Doherty**. The farm boy married Mary and inherited her parent's farm. His illness unfolds a chain of events with consequences for all around him.



**Mary O'Brien:** Martin's wife is played by **Cathy Flynn**. Always fearful and under his influence but none the less devoted to her husband. Well liked in the locality and respected by those around her.



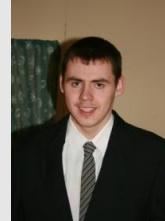
**Mattie Mooney** is played by **Seamus Barrett**. A neighbour of the O'Brien's who shows deep concern for Mary. Well educated.

Seamus returns to the stage after a few years.



**Johnny Kelly:** Another neighbour of the O'Brien's. Owns a small farm nearby and regularly helps out on the O'Brien land. Respected and liked in the locality.

Played by **Tommy Kilroy**.



**Seán O'Brien:** Martin and Mary's son who lives in England. Couldn't wait to get away from his father whom he despises.

Played by **Oisín Finan** in his first role with the group.



Following on from her debut in The New Gosoon in 2019 **Patricia D'Vatz** returns to play the role of **Violet O'Brien** – Seán's wife. Likes the money and would love a garden.

Another newcomer to the stage in Ardagh is **Dermot O'Boyle** who plays the role of the local community man, **Dr. Brenard Woods**.

Former M. C. with the group who got the stage bug this year.



Yet another pillar of the community is **Sgt. James Foley** played by **Brendan Rutledge** who makes a welcome return to the stage.



\*\*\*\*\* Sit back, relax and enjoy "The Farm Boy"\*\*\*\*\*