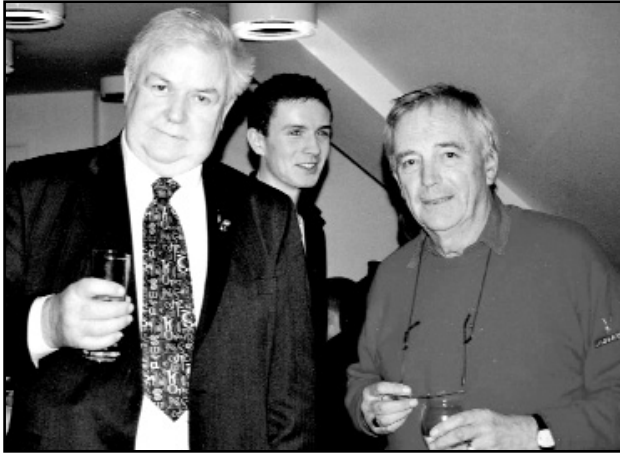


## Ballea Writers Thank Their Website Sponsors



**Ballea Writers Club President Dr Mike Whelton (right), Website Designer Sean Timmins and Poet and Statistician Michael Mernagh (left) at the website launch, the hospitality of Club Patron Barry Collins, on Nov 12th in the Ballea Suite of The Carrigaline Court Hotel.**

On behalf of Ballea Writers Club President Dr Mike Whelton, our committee, members and supporters, we wish to offer sincere thanks to all the sponsors who helped us achieve our club website: [www.balleawriters.com](http://www.balleawriters.com). And we applaud the magnificent results of our young Website Designer: Sean Timmins, of Carrigaline Community School.

Our website enables us to further our mission statement ' to support and facilitate the advancement of writing skills and the art of writing among our members, our community and especially our youth.'

The website 'Tips on Writing' have been endorsed by a leading Irish writer and adopted by Secondary Schools across Cork and beyond. This site has greatly increased the number of aspiring writers, both novice and professional, that we can assist.

This new website, registered immediately in Writing Directories throughout the Western World, got 1200 hits, about 7 hits per hour, in its first week of opening. It is strange to think that, when we local writers are tucked up in bed and dreaming of characters for stories, there are people on the other side of the world sitting at computers reading the material of those of Carrigaline. And stranger still to think that we in Carrigaline are teaching them how to improve their writing skills and forward their art.

With limited funds the Cork Arts Office cannot offer financial assistance to develop websites. Our website, and the help it will give local writers, those throughout Ireland and across the globe, could never have been achieved without the tremendous generosity of local companies and individuals who dug deep to help us further this project.

The sponsorship came in slowly at first and then gathered momentum, like bets being placed on a race, and although we'd set the closing time as noon Monday, when the Carrighoun closes its pages for print, we got phone calls all afternoon, right up to 4.55, and kept the paper late for the presses!

The local companies who sponsored the [www.balleawriters.com](http://www.balleawriters.com) project include: Solicitors Ahern, Roberts, O'Rourke, Williams and Partners, Inblue Interior Architecture, Adrian O'Herlihy Photography, Crowley's Opticians, Celine's Beauty Salon, Gerard Healy Plant Hire, Maryville Equestrian Centre, Barry Collins SuperValu, Dennehy Auctioneers, Carrigaline Court Hotel and Ulster Bank Carrigaline, Carrigaline Tile Centre, KWP Print & Design, O'Mahony & O'Donovan Fitted Furniture, Carrigaline Furniture & Carpet centre, Mark Ginn & Associates Accountants, Slyne's Maxol Mace, Harbour Carpets & Floor, Bateman's Shoes, Suite Cottage Interiors, Fastnet Blinds, Chocolate Hair Group, Phelans Pharmacy and Gerard Dineen Auto Service.

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