

## BALLEA WRITERS CLUB WEBSITE LAUNCH www.balleawriters.com

Ballea Writers, whose mission statement is 'to support and facilitate the advancement of writing skills and the art of writing among our members, or community and especially our youth' produced a website true to form. The website includes Tips and Exercises for writers to follow on their way to competition/publication success. The website features members publications and the winning poetry from The Ballea Writers Young Poets of the Year Awards. There are multiple links to other competitions, writing magazines, courses and other resources. Ballea Writers have an active youth division

and it was one of their youth division, Sean Timmins, from Carrigaline Community School, who constructed their website. There is plenty on the site for the adult writer as well; lots to read about writing and links to other approved writing sites. Ballea Writers operate on three arms; poetry, fiction and journalism and give equal priority to each. The club members have, in their first year and a half, amassed over 200 publications. This time last year they were all novice writers! The website includes a virtual library where one can search Ballea Writers library for books on the craft of writing to certain

formats such as crime writing, read reviews of the selected books, and members can email an order direct from the site. The photo gallery also includes a provision for ordering copies of the displays online. The website is open to all but membership of Ballea Writers Club, where one can avail of twice monthly workshops, an editing/review service, and borrow from their extensive reference library costs Euro 38 per year. See the website for more details or email enquiries to balleawriters@gmail.com Visitors and new members are most welcome. Website Designer Sean Timmins can also be

contacted through our email and/or our website.  
Website Photography and Text: **Elaine Rhys-Davies.**  
Website Construction: **Sean Timmins**  
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Ballea Writers Club President Dr Mike Whelton (centre) looks to the skies as the website is launched



Ballea Writers Club Members, Sponsors and Supporters cluster around laptops to view the new website.



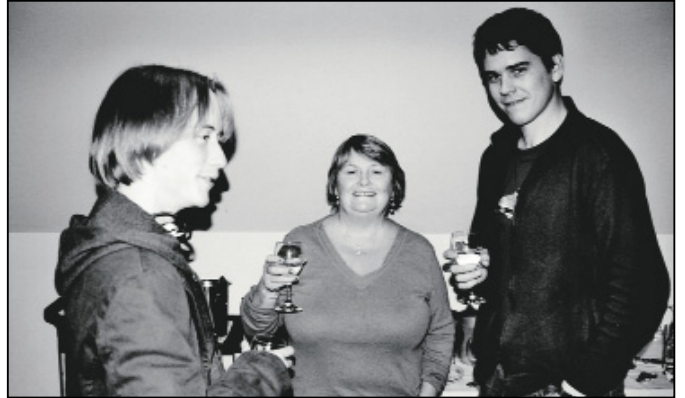
Ballea Writers Club President Dr Mike Whelton presents Website Designer, sixteen-year-old Sean Timmins, of Carrigaline Community School, with a copy of The Millionaire Mind. Sean is applauded by Club Patron Barry Collins and Mark Rhys-Davies. Also photographed are members Michael Mernagh and Mary Lynskey, and Carrigaline Arts Network representative Mary Malone.



Club Patron Barry Collins looks on as Vice President John O'Connell demonstrates the new website. At the hospitality of Barry, the launch took place on Nov 12th in the Ballea Suite of The Carrigaline Court Hotel.



Kevin and Sandra, representing sponsors Maryville Equestrian Centre, commission Sean to design a website for Maryville.



Ballea Writers Member Sean Parsons of The Carrigdhoun, celebrates with fellow members Mary Coghlan and James Billson.