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PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION Winner
2017



Last week Tullamore Camera Club and the Offaly Branch of the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland co-hosted a photography competition in support of the Offaly community of Killina series of events to mark the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Presentation Sisters to the area.

The winning photographer was announced on Wednesday night at Edenderry Library as Philomena Brady



..... Photo captured the re-enactment of the arrival of the Nuns via the Grand Canal on board heritage canal boat Float No 1.

Michael Byrne chief judge note that the winning shot demonstrated an appreciation of the heart of the story of the Presentation Sisters coming to Rahan, capturing the moment as it were. To select the winning picture can be a difficult choice. In the case of the Killina selection that proved to be so. Yet, the photograph of the arrival of the nuns on the canal barge captured so much of the essence of the story of how the sisters came to be in Killina in the first place. There was action in the photograph and there was stillness. The nuns were at the back waiting apprehensively, wondering what life would be like and what lay in store for them. The water was almost still. Only the boatman was up and about ready to land with his charges. It was an historic moment recaptured.

The theme for the competition was *a weekend of celebrations to honour 200 years of education involving the Presentation Order in the parish of Rahan.*

The prize presented on the night was a framed print of the winning entry kindly sponsored by O Sullivan Photography Ltd, the winning picture will be published in Inland Waterways News, the national publication of the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland and also in the Midland Photography Group Magazine. The photo will also be exhibit in Tullamore library.

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Christine Collins Offaly IWAI (left) Philomena Brady



Philomena Brady



Christine Collins Offaly IWAI (left) Philomena Brady (Winner 5th photography competition) Bridie Roe Tullamore camera Club