### Points to be made

- **NB Website**
- **Cartoons >>** Gordon himself
- Will have learned a bit about Gordon from Cartoons.

### The event

- **1940s Howth Village approach from Sutton**
- First 2 Storey (No 2 Harbour Road), formerly a teashop, now a newsagents cum sweetshop

- **16 June 1946**
- Man enters shop to buy sweets for his children
- Collapses and is dying
- Shopkeeper rushes out from behind counter and says act of contrition in his ear
- Man dies
- The man was Gordon Brewster and the shopkeeper my mother

- **Shop today**

### The Cartoons

- Before looking at individual cartoons
- 3 general aspects
  - period & frequency
  - caricatures
  - style & detail

### Period & Frequency

- **Period**
  - this collection 1922-32 & I'm confining myself to this.
  - Important period - foundation and consolidation of new State

- **Frequency**
  - Generally 1 per week but some 50+ and gaps
  - 50+ is Herald + Indo
  - some gaps may be
    - Undated
    - Dolores give aways postmortem
    - fire at Strandville
  - Fortunate requested return
  & return (GB)

### Caricatures

- Identifiable individuals within cartoons
- Usually politicians
### Relative importance of characters

- Some idea of relative importance
  - Free State, Britain, NI, International
  - More Irish may have been given away
- WT most frequent (21)
  - personifies State
  - Blythe, Finance Minister, normal target (8)
  - Dev fewer as FF 1926, power 1932 (5)
  - O'Higgins till 1927 (3)
- Britain in very strong
  - McDonald very caricatable (17)
  - with Baldwin (14) entries >> (31)
  - Lloyd George, not PM but around (4)
- NI really figures
  - Craigavon personifies (16)
  - none complimentary, mutual contempt, deported
- Alphonso (5), Gandhi (5), Mussolini (4), Hitler (1)

### Variation

- Not rubber stamps

### Style & Detail

- Herald: crafted – pen & wash style
- P&DB & Corpo arguing resp. for safety – drowning
- Look structure top left.

### Full Cartoons

#### Free State

- Benign – artists' wind fall - £750 Haverty Trust
- The Department of Finance view of the taxpayer
- From idea to cartoon
  - dirty bookwriter playing to his public
- Robinson, Shields, Yeats ??
- Immoral literature from abroad - CTS
- Separate institutions (Brexit)
  - separate MD register
  - opposed by Med Ass
  - loss of recognition
  - mutual recognition written in
  - reminiscent of shelling Four Courts
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| Britain | Being warned just months before his assassination  
Higgins & beehive |
| | PR photo – note the bracket  
McD photo |
| | Two views of UK coalition government  
- scheming yokels  
- held to ransom  
McD & George in pub  
George mugs McD |
| | Serious controversy even in my day  
- Lusitania (May 1915)  
- unwitnessed codicil  
- Further compromise 1993  
Hugh Lane pictures |
| Six Counties | Craigavon holds gun to head of minority  
- after Raemaekers  
- Dutch cartoonist – WWI German atrocities  
- Craigavon only slightly less bestial in civvies  
- Girl's right breast covered in deference to Free State  
+ Raemaekers  
Lovable fellow  
Two chefs |
| Overseas | Many cartoons devoted to German integration in world system post WWI  
Kaiser Wilhelm or Chancellor Wilhelm (Marx)– waiting for return of glory  
Portrait within cartoon  
Kaiser - detail  
1930  12 to 107 seats, 2nd party  
Hitler  
Religious persecution: NI = Russia  
Soviet NI  
Although referring to the Mexican War, could be today.  
US oil grab  
Let him out first  
Gandhi 1  
Bill for the Last Supper!  
Gandhi 2 |
| Themes | Labour Relations  
Labour Relations  
Important to figure Brewster's views on strikes etc.  
- Early 1913 cartoon anti Larkin  
- Worked for Indo & W M Murphy  
1913 anti Larkin  
Magnetic attraction  
Later, strongly pushes negotiation  
- presumably implying concessions on both sides.  
Bishop  
Sole religious figure in collection – Bishops & General Strike  
Absence of cartoons re churches  
Irish Hospitals' Sweepstakes  
Sweepstakes |
| **Much of known world await results** | **Sweeps world** |
| **Widely, if surreptitiously & illegally marketed** | |
| **UK & US authorities not happy** | **Sweeps J Bull** |
| **Punters thrilled (3K prizes to Britain - England)** | |

**Personal**

- A few words on Gordon and his family
  - wrt tombstone in Kilbarrack

- **William Theodore Brewster**
  - Born Everton Lancs.
  - 1884 m. Susan Margaret McConnell, Tipperary
  - 7 children (4 boys + 3 girls)
  - all raised C of I

- 1909 – 16 Iona Rd. Audenville (mother an Auden)
  - Manager & Accountant Independent Newspapers

- **Gordon** born 1889
  - Doctor >> Dublin Metropolitan School of Art (prec NCAD)

- By 1906 in Indo & rose Chief Cartoonist & Head Art. Dept.
  - Checkout – Seán Citizen in many of his cartoons
  - 1926 married Marie Elizabeth Burfoot from North Strand
  - Met via Yeats family: Gordon friend of Jack B; Marie's mother took tea with the Yeats sisters. Asked if he would teach her to draw.
  - Converted to Roman Catholicism
  - Two children (Dolores 1929 and Richard 1931)
  - Marriage broke up in early 1930s & Marie went to England

- Artist
  - Exhibited 1916 & 1917 RHA
  - Where is his art?

- 1916 Abbey St. - Building & exhibits gutted in Rising.
  - RHA on fire

- Don't know where Dead Rebel is.
  - In Sutton till his death – “raffled, sold or burned”
  - Only painting I could find is in Hugh Lane Gallery
  - Peasant woman

- Will be judged/remembered by **Cartoons**
  - **Relevance**: Michael Laffan, Judging WT, 5 cartoons
  - Judging WT

- Revolution papers 9 Cartoons
  - Reaper

- Ha'penny Bridge 1 Cartoon
  - Gallery on Pillar

- From 1932. Look carefully at house.
  - Grove toon

- Grove in 2014.
  - Strandville went on fire in 1931
  - >> Grove

- Where is his art?

- Peasant woman
| ➔ Mutual adoration of father & children | Shopping |
| ➔ Xmas shopping expedition | |
| ➔ After death in 1946, Marie returned | |
| ➔ to sort affairs | |
| ➔ “claim the children” ← (Dolores 17, Richard 15) | |
| ➔ then raised in England | |
| ➔ Gordon forgotten | |
| ➔ Gordon's brother, Richard | Richard tombstone |
| ➔ Not buried there just commemorated | |
| ➔ Appropriate to mention in this year of WWI | |
| ➔ Commemorated in a number of places in Dublin | George's window |
| ➔ Magnificent William McBride Window in ex-Georges | |
| ➔ Panel | Richard's panel |
| ➔ Reinstatement in Dublin's roll of honour - plaques | Gordon's plaque 1 |
| ➔ Birth in 15 Dolier St. later the Irish Times Offices | |
| ➔ Death in The Gem still there | Gordon's plaque 2 |
| ➔ Thanks - All who helped | Thanks + List |
| ➔ Too numerous – on page on website | |
| ➔ NLI – permissions to reproduce the cartoons | |
| ➔ Máire Kennedy for invitation here today | |
| ➔ Brewster Family – photos, stories, encouragement, family here today | |
| ➔ Apology – one full day in town | |
| ➔ If not pretentious | Dedication |
| ➔ Dedicate to Dolores Brewster | |
| ➔ | Brewster - title |