

THE PRICE NOTEBOOKS

26th January 1930

The bridge at Oldbridge is dated 1823 on a stone set into the E wall (cf. Holt's Memoirs).

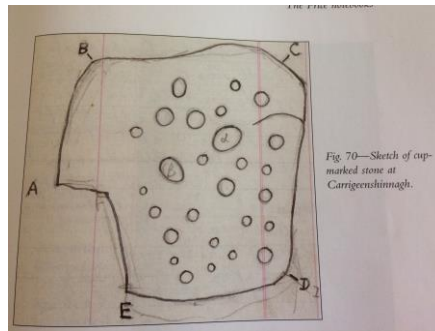
29th January 1933

Carrigeenshinnagh. The stone with cup-markings is about 150 yards W of the Oldbridge – Lough Dan road, and 600 or 700 yards from Oldbridge – you leave the road about 200 yds. S of Doyle's House. On the S side of the stone the ground looks as if it had been artificially flattened, as though for the site of a building or rath. It is on a rough hillside covered with stones.

[Measurements]

Fig 70 – Sketch of cup-marked stone at Carrigeenshinnagh.

- A-B 46 cm
- B-C 63cm
- C-D 73 cm
- D-E 49 cm
- E-F 28 cm



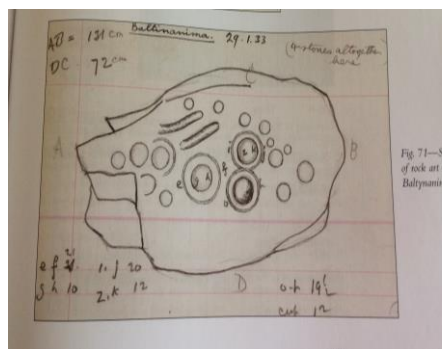
A-F 16cm

[Cupmark] α 10cm x 8cm, 3cm deep. [Cupmark] β 9cm x 6½cm, 2½cm deep.

Baltynanima [cup-marked stone]. ([There are] four stones altogether here.)

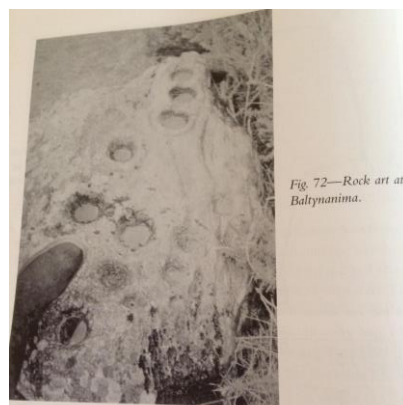
[Measurements]

- A-B 131cm
- D-C 72cm



[Measurements of the three large cupmarks enclosed by a circle:]

- e-f 21cm
- g-h 10cm
- i-j 20cm
- z-k 12cm
- o-h 19½cm (cup 12cm)



Baltynanima. A hundred yards or so to SE in the next field to cup-and-circle stone [is] a flat flag, with a lot of small cups on it [measures 3ft long x 2½ft wide]

Another, a granite boulder, with six or more small pits, E of cup-and-circle stone, and 150-200 yards from it. Another, mica schist, a 'flag' covered with medium-sized and small pits, 200 yards or so to S of cup-and-circle stone.

7th March 1944

Information given me by R.C. Barton. He knows the name 'Sleamaine' quite well. It is the name used for the farms along the old road: pronounced 'Slee-maan'. In fact he said he had not heard it called 'Ballinvally' the gate to Luggala House he called simply 'the Piers'. I heard it called 'Ballinvally Piers'.

Old Byrne of Carrigeenduff aged about 84 was talking to him the other day. He asked Byrne did he know the name 'Kilhoppeen' for the big rock up in Inchavore, and Byrne said 'that's "Clöhöpp-eeen"': and he called the ditch 'the Clohoppeen ditch'. So this makes the first part of the name clear, 'cloth': it has become corrupted into 'Kilhoppeen'.

Old Jack Porter who died recently did not know exactly where in Baltynanima the piece of St Kevin's Road was, but he thought it was in the wood about ½ mile E of the school at Oldbridge, beside the boundary of Raheen; a short piece of a track, running N and S.

R.C.B. said that there was also supposed to be a short piece of St Kevin's Road in the wood a little to the NW of Glendalough House in Drummin, running parallel to the Upper Road. Porter had also told him that there was an old crossing over the river near Tom Lannon's house: this is the most westerly house in Raheen, close to the river. Note that this crossing and the two alleged pieces of St Kevin's Road would be roughly in the same straight line, and that this line would be, roughly, continuation of the existing old road through Sleamaine and Ashtown.

R.C.B. also said that there were signs of a built up support for a bridge over the Avonmore River just opposite where the old road (by Uplands House) starts to go up across the slope of Ballinacorbeg.

30th September 1944

Drummin. Saw a bullaun stone between the house (Glendalough House) and Oldbridge, W of the avenue or back road. It is in a large granite boulder, size 12in x 11in x 5in. The site is a rough wooded slope, trees and stones and ferns and brambles all over it. The map reference as near as I could get it would be 6 inch sheet 18, 7.8cm W, 23.6cm S. On the same rough slope some 500 yards S or a little W of S, of the Bullaun is the place where John Porter of Baltynanima located St Kevin's Road: there is no sign of any track to be seen there among the trees.

The map reference of the Brusher Gap, in Drummin is [sheet] 17, 4.6cm E, 11.1cm S.

FIELD NOTEBOOK 21: **June 1945-November 1946** **2nd June 1945**

At Glendalough House (R.C. Barton's) for the weekend. Looked at the 1840 edition of the 6-inch OS map (Wicklow sheet 18); this shows what the house was like in 1838, the year Barton's grandfather purchased it. The road ran from E to W on the N side of the 1838 house. I would reconstruct the history of the house as follows: in 1601 one (or more) of the followers of Phelim O'Toole of Castlekevin lived in Drummin, and the house is probably on the site of their habitation. It was then on a road running from N to S connecting Glendalough with Powerscourt and Dublin. This road ran I think on the line of St Kevin's Road, through

Sraghmore and Baltyanima, across the river at or near Oldbridge, then either over the hill by Killalane, or straight down to Laragh – with a connection probably via Annamoe Mill to Castlekevin.

On the new English settlement of the district, a road was made – the Togher – connecting Straghmore with Derrylossary via Roundwood and on to Castlekevin. The new occupier of Drummin – Hugo or his predecessor – connected his house with this road, made a road going E from his house and turning ME and crossing the river into Raheen, then over the next stream by the ford and up the hill to the new main road in Ballinacorbeg. Sometime in the 18th century the road was made leading from Annamoe W up to the back road: this is shown on Nevill's map of 1760. Possibly the whole line of the back road from Oldbridge to Laragh Bridge was only then made. Whenever that line was made, the house was connected with it by the short piece of the 'back avenue'; afterwards cut down to a more convenient level by Barton's grandfather. No road in to 'Dromeen' House is marked on Nevill's map of 1760. Later the Hugo's made the avenue leading down to Annamoe Mill; and I think Barton's grandfather extended the avenue to come out on the road W of Annamoe Bridge as at present: this may however also have been done by Hugo. In any case the avenue to Annamoe became the entrance to the house and the road through Raheen fell out of use and disappeared, having only existed for a century or so.

3rd April 1956

When Doyle said the little bridge opposite Barton's back gate was built before Oldbridge, he meant before the present Oldbridge was built in 1823. And when he says the old road turned in at Kinlen's what he was referring to is clearly to be seen on the 1840 map: coming from the S into the village of Oldbridge, the road turned W to cross the stream, instead of going N to where the little bridge is.

As to the path from Cloghoge to Annamoe, Barton knows it well: it is an old mass path. Doyle says they used to go 'by Kelly's Stile'; Barton did not know that name, but the path comes through Neill's farm on the boundary between Carrigroe and Ballinariush (map reference, sheet 18, 6.5cm N, 5cm W) and down along the path to Lake park, then out on to the road opposite the school; then along to Barton's house, through the yard W of the house, then on the E side of the garden and along to the yard W of the house, then on the E side of the garden and along to the bridge where the avenue crosses the brook (Ceocha's Brook); this is called the Breedstick, but the old Breedstick was a little further to the E, down the stream; it is the one Doyle means where there was a board and a handstick: the name has been transferred to the present bridge. Barton says there was an older avenue E of the present one, but he does not know exactly where it was. It was Hugo's avenue. The house which he calls 'Boles's' (map reference 12.6cm S, 14.7cm W) I would think was on it; it is shown as a house on the 1840 map, with a path in to it from Annamoe Bridge. Anyway, the mass path went from the old Breedstick down to Annamoe.

Neill's house and the path leading down towards Lake Park are shown on the 1 inch map (1898 revision)

'Ceochas liven there on...'. I have noted the position of Keogh's house in my notebook.

Some of the names which Peter Doyle gave me are also on C.G. Thompson's list: