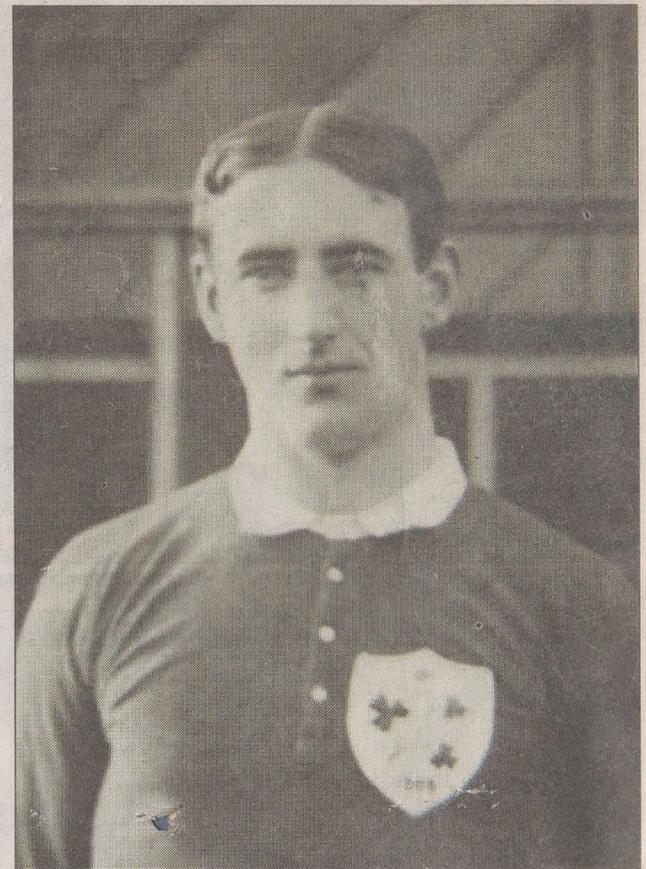




**Malahide C.C. 1901**

*T. Kettle, A. Lawler, F. Lawler, D. O'Brien, G. O'Connor, E. Crowley, C. Adams, A. Adams (Vice-Captain), J. Stubbings (Umpire), D. Campion (Captain), H. Holton, H. Robinson.*

The oldest photographer of Malahide Cricket Club which features Tom Kettle.



Charlie Adams who features in the 1901 photo and who won 16 caps playing for the Irish Rugby team between 1908 and 1914.

# Irish patriot Tom Kettle remembered at Malahide Cricket Club talk

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TO COMMEMORATE the centenary of the death of Irish patriot Tom Kettle and his involvement with Malahide Cricket Club, a History Talk took place recently which was well received.

The talk, which took place in the Cricket Club was three-fold, with Paddy Ryan of Malahide Historical Society talking about Tom Kettle, who was killed at the Battle of Somme in 1916.

Brian Gilmore of Malahide Cricket Club spoke about the cricket club in 1901 on what teams they played and read through sports reports from the Irish Times and Freeman's Journal.

Gerry Kingston, an expert on the Census, spoke about the people pictured in the club's oldest photograph dating back to 1901.

Brian Gilmore told Fingal Independent that in 1901 Malahide was just a village with around 300 people.

The 1901 team which the club has a photograph of consisted of people from the village of different age groups and included Tom Kettle and another prominent figure Charlie Adams, whose son Norman is patron of the club.

Tom was an Irish economist, journalist, barrister, writer, poet, soldier and Home Rule

politician who joined the Irish Volunteers in 1913 and on the outbreak of World War 1 in 1914 enlisted for service in the British Army where in 1916 he was killed on the Western Front at the Battle of Somme. He was a much admired old comrade of James Joyce, who considered him to be his best friend.

His family were farmers and had land in Artane, St Margaret's and lived in Millview House in Malahide which is how Tom became involved with Malahide Cricket Club, which was established in 1861.

'Charlie Adams also fought at the Battle of

Somme,' said Brian.

'He was a Lieutenant with the 10th Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and had previously played rugby for Ireland from 1908 to 1914.

'He was captured by the German army in 1917 and became a prisoner of war for the remainder of the war,' he said, adding that Charlie's brother Archie also played cricket for Malahide Cricket Club.

'The talk was very well received and Paddy Ryan of Malahide Historical Society gave it real strength with his talk on 'Tom Kettle,' added Brian.