

Running order for Gordon Brewster

Points to be made	Image
	Brewster - title
The event	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 1940s Howth Village approach from Sutton → First 2 Storey (No 2 Harbour Road), formerly a teashop, now a newsagents cum sweetshop 	Under the bridge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 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 	Gem detail
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Only the shop is left today 	Gem today
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → My connection → Parents married 1942 → Took over Gem from Mam's Aunt Lil who had converted it from a tea shop in 1940. → More than doubled value of goodwill in first 3 years. → Mam ran the shop and Dad worked in CIE Broadstone 	Mam & Dad
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Hilda Miles, who lived in the lodge of Howth Castle both helped in the shop and looked after me. 	Hilda & Me
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Not subject of cartoons in youth, but portrait by Howth station porter. 	Porter portrait
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Not until I visited the Place du Tertre in Paris in 1988 did I finally break into the cartoon world 	Fris caricature
Housekeeping	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Page on site : photopol.com/gordon 2 	photopol.com/gordon2
The Cartoons	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Before looking at individual cartoons → 3 general aspects 	
Period & Frequency	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Period 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Cartooning career c. 1909 – 1946 → this collection 1922-32 & I'm confining myself to this. → Important period - foundation and consolidation of new State → Relevance: Michael Laffan, Judging WT, 5 cartoons 	Bar chart
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Frequency 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Generally 1 per week but some 50+ and gaps → 50+ is Herald + Indo → some gaps may be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dolores give aways postmortem 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ fire at Strandville 	Fire damage?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Fortunate requested return → See official clearance to print (WGB) → & return (GB) 	Return annotation
	Caricatures	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Identifiable individuals within cartoons → Usually politicians 	
	Frequency	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Some idea of relative importance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Free State, Britain, NI, International ▪ More Irish may have been given away → WT most frequent (21) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ McDonald very caricaturable (17) ▪ with Baldwin (14) entries >> (31) ▪ Lloyd George, not PM but around (4) → NI really figures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Craigavon personifies (16) ▪ none complimentary, mutual contempt, deported → Alphonso (5), Gandhi (5), Mussolini (4), Hitler (1) 	Frequency
	Variation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Not rubber stamps 	W T Cosgrave
		McDonald
	Style & Detail	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Herald: crafted – pen & wash style → P&DB & Corpo arguing resp. for safety – drowning. → Look structure top left. 	Dollymount
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Put on your wall → No. 1 Martello Dublin North → Understood & loved the Martellos 	d/o Detail
	Full Cartoons	
	Free State	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Benign – artists' wind fall - £750 Haverty Trust 	Wind fall

→ Anti bureaucracy & nit picking	Ministry for dots
→ The Department of Finance view of the taxpayer	Distorting Mirror
→ From idea to cartoon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ dirty bookwriter playing to his public 	Filth
→ Robinson, Shields, Yeats ??	Filth - balcony
→ Country about to sink under weight of evil literature	Octopus evil literature
→ People familiar with 1shilling off pension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brewster contrasts with TD salary 	Blythe – shilling taken
→ Amendable by Dáil → USA 125 years – 8 amendments → IRL 5 years – 6 amendments	Constitution (boat)
→ Restored in 1928 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ where did it come from ▪ rabbit out of hat 	Blythe – shilling back
→ Med lobby had captured legislature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ separate MD register ▪ opposed by Med Ass ▪ loss of recognition ▪ mutual recognition written in ▪ reminiscent of shelling Four Courts. 	Shelling of Mater
→ Being warned just months before his assassination	Higgins & beehive
Britain	
→ PR photo – note the bracket	McD photo
→ Two views of UK coalition government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ scheming yokels 	McD & George in pub
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ held to ransom 	George mugs McD
→ Serious controversy even in my day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lusitania (May 1915) ▪ unwitnessed codicil ▪ Further compromise 1993 	Hugh Lane pictures
Six Counties	
→ Craigavon holds gun to head of minority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ after Raemaekers ▪ Dutch cartoonist – WWI German atrocities 	Lovable fellow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Craigavon only slightly less bestial in civvies ▪ Girl's right breast covered in deference to Free State 	+ Raemaekers
→ Both leaders putting on benign face (masks)	Two chefs
→ Part of how NI subsidised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ still the case when I dealt with NI in 1980s 	NI Insurance Fund
→ Every southerner in my day aware of SP Act in NI	Special Powers

Overseas	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Many cartoons devoted to German integration in world system post WWI → Kaiser Wilhelm or Chancellor Wilhelm (Marx)– waiting for return of glory 	Keeping hand in
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Portrait within cartoon 	Kaiser - detail
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Marx again – seeking seat in League of Nations (in 1926) 	Germany seeks seat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 1930 12 to 107 seats, 2nd party 	Hitler
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 1928 – Poland nervous of neighbours on both sides & not without reason >>WWII → Punch type caricature of Stalin 	Soviet/Ger Poland
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Religious persecution: NI = Russia 	Soviet NI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Although referring to the Mexican War, could be today. 	US oil grab
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Let him out first 	Gandhi 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Bill for the Last Supper! 	Gandhi 2
Themes	Themes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Labour Relations 	Labour Relations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Important to figure Brewster's views on strikes etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Early 1913 cartoon anti Larkin ▪ Worked for Indo & W M Murphy 	1913 anti Larkin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Later, strongly pushes negotiation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ presumably implying concessions on both sides. 	Magnetic attraction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Baldwin wishful thinking during general strike (incl miners) 	Sleeping kids
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Detail, child's toy = coalmine 	Coalmine - detail
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Sole religious figure in collection – Bishops & General Strike → Absence of cartoons re churches 	Bishop
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Irish Hospitals' Sweepstakes 	Sweepstakes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Much of known world await results ▪ Widely, if surreptitiously & illegally marketed ▪ 2 stage. Draw horse. Ticket marketable. ▪ We sold in shop 	Sweeps world
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UK & US authorities not happy ▪ Punters thrilled (3K prizes to Britain - England) 	Sweeps J Bull
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Commercial Ads 	Commercial Ads
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Another homage/apology (only 2) 	Pears 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A version of the original Pears's ad 	Pears 3
Personal	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → A few words on Gordon and his family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ wrt tombstone in Kilbarrack 	Tombstone
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → William Theodore Brewster → Born Everton Lincs. 1862 → Commercial Clerk in Wine & Foreign Exports → by 1884 Dublin, Accountant → 1884 m. Susan Margaret McConnell, Tipperary, C of I → 6 children (4 boys + 2 girls) → all raised C of I → 1909 Iona Rd. Audenville (mother an Auden) → Manager & Accountant Independent Newspapers 	Parents
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Gordon born 1889 → Doctor >> Dublin Metropolitan School of Art (prec NCAD) 	Gordon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 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 → Two children (Dolores 1929 and Richard 1931) → Marriage broke up in early 1930s & Marie went to England 	Desk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Artist → Exhibited 1916 & 1917 RHA → Note the guineas. 	RHA exhibition
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 1916: Then in Abbey St. - Building & exhibits gutted in Rising. → The Dead Rebel hung in The Grove up to 1946. Nothing known after that. Still around or destroyed. 	RHA fire
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Abbey St. building today (SPAR + CIE) 	Former RHA today
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Only painting I could find is in Hugh Lane Gallery → (ex Dublin Municipal beside Coláiste) 	Peasant woman
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Our Boys & other. → Here Cyclist magazine → Martello Tower (home front) & soldiers (war front) - Richard 	Cyclist magazine
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → From 1932. Look carefully at house. 	Grove toon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Grove in 2014. → Strandville went on fire in early 1930s >> Grove 	Grove photo
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Grove 2016 → Would have got bigger surprise 	Grove sold
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Mutual adoration of father & children → Xmas shopping expedition → After death in 1946, Marie returned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to sort affairs ▪ claim the children ▪ then raised in England (Dolores 17, Richard 15) 	Shopping
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Gordon's brother, Richard → Not buried there just commemorated → Appropriate to mention in this year of WWI 	Richard tombstone

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → High achiever <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High School Dublin ▪ Civil Service (D/Ag) ▪ 1912 SIH ▪ March 1918, reccy, captured/died ▪ Sept 1918 confirmed dead 	Richard photo
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Commemorated in a number of places in Dublin → Magnificent William McBride Window in ex-Georges 	George's window
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Panel 	Richard's panel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → All who helped – they know who they are → Felix Larkin for telling of cartoons & general advice → NLI for permissions → Honora Faul (access), Carol Maddock (NLI Blog), Brid O'Sullivan (NLI talk) Mary Broderick (source cartoons) → → HSD Alan Phelan, Michelle Burrowes → Dr Margarita Coppack, Hugh Lane, for Peasant Woman → St George's: Eugene O'Connor owner & James O'Connor Heritage Architect → Gillian Dean [George's & Thomas's] → Rev David Pierpoint – All Saints' Church Phibsboro → Pearl Bar – confirming no caricature → Doug Vaugh SIH Online → Howth Peninsula Heritage Society → Brewster family for photos, stories & coming to NLI 	Thanks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → If not pretentious → Dedicate to Dolores Brewster 	Dedication
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 	Brewster - title