

## Running order for Gordon Brewster

**START RECORDER**

Points to be made	Image
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ NB Website</li> <li>→ Cartoons &gt;&gt; Gordon himself</li> <li>→ Will have learned a bit about Gordon from Cartoons.</li> </ul>	<b>Brewster - title</b>
<b>The event</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ 1940s Howth Village approach from Sutton</li> <li>→ First 2 Storey (No 2 Harbour Road), formerly a teashop, now a newsagents cum sweetshop</li> </ul>	<b>Under the bridge</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ 16 June 1946</li> <li>→ Man enters shop to buy sweets for his children</li> <li>→ Collapses and is dying</li> <li>→ Shopkeeper rushes out from behind counter and says act of contrition in his ear</li> <li>→ Man dies</li> <li>→ The man was Gordon Brewster and the shopkeeper my mother</li> </ul>	<b>Gem detail</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Shop today</li> </ul>	<b>Gem today</b>
<b>The Cartoons</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Before looking at individual cartoons</li> <li>→ 3 general aspects                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ period &amp; frequency</li> <li>○ caricatures</li> <li>○ style &amp; detail</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Period &amp; Frequency</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <b>Period</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ this collection 1922-32 &amp; I'm confining myself to this.</li> <li>→ Important period - foundation and consolidation of new State</li> </ul>	<b>Bar chart</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <b>Frequency</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Generally 1 per week but some 50+ and gaps</li> <li>→ 50+ is Herald + Indo</li> <li>→ some gaps may be                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Undated</li> <li>▪ Dolores give aways postmortem</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ fire at Strandville</li> </ul>	<b>Fire damage?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Fortunate requested return</li> <li>→ &amp; return (GB)</li> </ul>	<b>Return annotation</b>
<b>Caricatures</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Identifiable individuals within cartoons</li> <li>→ Usually politicians</li> </ul>	

<b>- Relative importance of characters</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Some idea of relative importance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Free State, Britain, NI, International</li> <li>▪ More Irish may have been given away</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ WT most frequent (21) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ personifies State</li> <li>▪ Blythe, Finance Minister, normal target (8)</li> <li>▪ Dev fewer as FF 1926, power 1932 (5)</li> <li>▪ O'Higgins till 1927 (3)</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ Britain in very strong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ McDonald very caricaturable (17)</li> <li>▪ with Baldwin (14) entries &gt;&gt; (31)</li> <li>▪ Lloyd George, not PM but around (4)</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ NI really figures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Craigavon personifies (16)</li> <li>▪ none complimentary, mutual contempt, deported</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ Alphonso (5), Gandhi (5), Mussolini (4), Hitler (1)</li> </ul>	<b>Frequency</b>
<b>- Variation</b>	
→ Not rubber stamps	<b>W T Cosgrave</b>
	<b>McDonald</b>
<b>Style &amp; Detail</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Herald: crafted – pen &amp; wash style</li> <li>→ P&amp;DB &amp; Corpo arguing resp. for safety – drowning.</li> <li>→ Look structure top left.</li> </ul>	<b>Dollymount</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Put on your wall</li> <li>→ No. 1 Martello Dublin North</li> <li>→ Understood &amp; loved the Martellos</li> </ul>	<b>d/o Detail</b>
<b>Full Cartoons</b>	
<b>Free State</b>	
→ Benign – artists' wind fall - £750 Haverty Trust	<b>Wind fall</b>
→ The Department of Finance view of the taxpayer	<b>Distorting Mirror</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ From idea to cartoon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ dirty bookwriter playing to his public</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Filth</b>
→ Robinson, Shields, Yeats ??	<b>Filth - balcony</b>
→ Immoral literature from abroad - CTS	<b>Vulture</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Separate institutions (Brexit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ separate MD register</li> <li>▪ opposed by Med Ass</li> <li>▪ loss of recognition</li> <li>▪ mutual recognition written in</li> <li>▪ reminiscent of shelling Four Courts</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Shelling of Mater</b>

	→ Being warned just months before his assassination	<b>Higgins &amp; beehive</b>
<b>Britain</b>		
	→ PR photo – note the bracket	<b>McD photo</b>
	→ Two views of UK coalition government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ scheming yokels</li> </ul>	<b>McD &amp; George in pub</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ held to ransom</li> </ul>	<b>George mugs McD</b>
	→ Serious controversy even in my day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lusitania (May 1915)</li> <li>▪ unwitnessed codicil</li> <li>▪ Further compromise 1993</li> </ul>	<b>Hugh Lane pictures</b>
<b>Six Counties</b>		
	→ Craigavon holds gun to head of minority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ after Raemaekers</li> <li>▪ Dutch cartoonist – WWI German atrocities</li> </ul>	<b>Lovable fellow</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Craigavon only slightly less bestial in civvies</li> <li>▪ Girl's right breast covered in deference to Free State</li> </ul>	<b>+ Raemaekers</b>
	→ Both leaders putting on benign face (masks)	<b>Two chefs</b>
<b>Overseas</b>		
	→ Many cartoons devoted to German integration in world system post WWI	<b>Keeping hand in</b>
	→ Kaiser Wilhelm or Chancellor Wilhelm (Marx)– waiting for return of glory	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Portrait within cartoon</li> </ul>	<b>Kaiser - detail</b>
	→ 1930 12 to 107 seats, 2 <sup>nd</sup> party	<b>Hitler</b>
	→ Religious persecution: NI = Russia	<b>Soviet NI</b>
	→ Although referring to the Mexican War, could be today.	<b>US oil grab</b>
	→ Let him out first	<b>Gandhi 1</b>
	→ Bill for the Last Supper!	<b>Gandhi 2</b>
<b>Themes</b>		<b>Themes</b>
	→ <b>Labour Relations</b>	<b>Labour Relations</b>
	→ Important to figure Brewster's views on strikes etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Early 1913 cartoon anti Larkin</li> <li>▪ Worked for Indo &amp; W M Murphy</li> </ul>	<b>1913 anti Larkin</b>
	→ Later, strongly pushes negotiation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ presumably implying concessions on both sides.</li> </ul>	<b>Magnetic attraction</b>
	→ Sole religious figure in collection – Bishops & General Strike	<b>Bishop</b>
	→ Absence of cartoons re churches	
	→ <b>Irish Hospitals' Sweepstakes</b>	<b>Sweepstakes</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Much of known world await results</li> <li>▪ Widely, if surreptitiously &amp; illegally marketed</li> </ul>	<b>Sweeps world</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ UK &amp; US authorities not happy</li> <li>▪ Punters thrilled (3K prizes to Britain - England)</li> </ul>	<b>Sweeps J Bull</b>
<b>Personal</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ A few words on Gordon and his family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ wrt tombstone in Kilbarrack</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Tombstone</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <b>William Theodore Brewster</b></li> <li>→ Born Everton Lincs.</li> <li>→ 1884 m. Susan Margaret McConnell, Tipperary</li> <li>→ 7 children (4 boys + 3girls)</li> <li>→ all raised C of I</li> </ul>	<b>Parents</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ 1909 – 16 Iona Rd. Audenville (mother an Auden)</li> <li>→ Manager &amp; Accountant Independent Newspapers</li> </ul>	<b>Audenville</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <b>Gordon</b> born 1889</li> <li>→ Doctor &gt;&gt; Dublin Metropolitan School of Art (prec NCAD)</li> </ul>	<b>Gordon</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ By 1906 in Indo &amp; rose Chief Cartoonist &amp; Head Art. Dept.</li> <li>→ Checkout – Seán Citizen in many of his cartoons</li> <li>→ 1926 married Marie Elizabeth Burfoot <del>from North Strand</del></li> <li>→ 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.</li> <li>→ Converted to Roman Catholicism</li> <li>→ Two children (Dolores 1929 and Richard 1931)</li> <li>→ Marriage broke up in early 1930s &amp; Marie went to England</li> </ul>	<b>Desk</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Artist</li> <li>→ Exhibited 1916 &amp; 1917 RHA</li> <li>→ Where is his art?</li> </ul>	<b>RHA exhibits</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ 1916 Abbey St. - Building &amp; exhibits gutted in Rising.</li> </ul>	<b>RHA on fire</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Don't know where Dead Rebel is.</li> <li>→ In Sutton till his death – “raffled, sold or burned”</li> </ul>	<b>RHA exhibits</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Only painting I could find is in Hugh Lane Gallery</li> </ul>	<b>Peasant woman</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Will be judged/remembered by <b>Cartoons</b></li> <li>→ <b>Relevance:</b> Michael Laffan, Judging WT, 5 cartoons</li> </ul>	<b>Judging WT</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Revolution papers 9 Cartoons</li> </ul>	<b>Reaper</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Ha'penny Bridge 1 Cartoon</li> </ul>	<b>Gallery on Pillar</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ From 1932. Look carefully at house.</li> </ul>	<b>Grove toon</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Grove in 2014.</li> <li>→ Strandville went on fire in 1931</li> <li>→ &gt;&gt; Grove</li> </ul>	<b>Grove photo</b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Mutual adoration of father &amp; children</li> <li>→ Xmas shopping expedition</li> <li>→ After death in 1946, Marie returned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ to sort affairs</li> <li>▪ “claim the children” – (Dolores 17, Richard 15)</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ then raised in England</li> <li>→ Gordon forgotten</li> </ul>	<b>Shopping</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Gordon's brother, <b>Richard</b></li> <li>→ Not buried there just commemorated</li> <li>→ Appropriate to mention in this year of WWI</li> </ul>	<b>Richard tombstone</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Commemorated in a number of places in Dublin</li> <li>→ Magnificent William McBride Window in ex-Georges</li> </ul>	<b>George's window</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Panel</li> </ul>	<b>Richard's panel</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Reinstatement in Dublin's roll of honour - plaques</li> <li>→ Birth in 15 Dolier St. later the Irish Times Offices</li> </ul>	<b>Gordon's plaque 1</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Death in The Gem still there</li> </ul>	<b>Gordon's plaque 2</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <b>Thanks</b> - All who helped</li> <li>→ Too numerous – on page on website</li> <li>→ <b>NLI</b> – permissions to reproduce the cartoons</li> <li>→ <b>Máire Kennedy</b> for invitation here today</li> <li>→ <b>Brewster Family</b> – photos, stories, encouragement, family here today</li> </ul>	<b>Thanks + List</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <b>Apology</b> – one full day in town</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ If not pretentious</li> <li>→ <b>Dedicate</b> to Dolores Brewster</li> </ul>	<b>Dedication</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→</li> </ul>	<b>Brewster - title</b>