

Ted's Johns Dance hall

John Gibbons owned a dance hall in Mullagh.

Everybody called it Ted's Johns Dance hall.

Every Sunday night at nine o'clock people travelled from as far as Leacanvey and Killeen to these dances.

The most common method of transport was to cycle.

People usually left their bicycle behind my granny's house.

The dances were usually over at twelve o'clock but sometimes

an "all night" dance would go on to one a.m.

It cost six pence to go into a dance, and one shilling for an "all night" dance. The Creegan band played there most Sunday nights. People danced to sets and waltzes.

At the "all night" dances Kathleen Gibbons Johns wife would have often brought tea and sandwiches. People usually gathered for a chat outside Bryan Bonnes shop next to granny's.

Eventually Ted's Johns closed and some years later

my granny and grandad (Breege and Alfie Kelly) bought

Ted's Johns dance hall. Grandad turned it into a cowshed.

But to this day people still ask my granny about...

Ted's Johns dance hall!

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As told by my man Fionn Morrison.