**Derek Breen**

**11th Feb 1986**

SEFF remembers Derek Breen, aged 29, married with a young child and an off duty member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary who was murdered by PIRA in the Talk of the Town Bar, Maguiresbridge on 11th February 1986.

Derek was a respected Policeman who enjoyed his role. He was well liked across the community.

During the same incident John McCabe (aged 25) who was working as a barman in the pub was caught up in the gun fire and also died at the scene.

The gunmen fled the scene, leaving a small bomb that exploded 45 minutes later and started a fire. The pub had been evacuated and there were no injuries from the bomb blast and fire.

In life the two men lived as we all must endeavour to live, they had tolerance for one another and were able to enjoy the craic together despite coming from different backgrounds, those who murdered Derek and John were fascist cowards.

SEFF's thoughts and prayers go out to the Breen and McCabe families.