

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR IRISH STUDIES
NEWSLETTER

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NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Thanks to members Bernard Canavan, Seoirse ó Broin and Margaret Wood who acted as scrutineers at the counting of ballots in the Executive Elections.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

At the Executive Committee meeting on 12 November it was decided to change the title of the Executive Secretary to that of Executive Director.

It was also decided, in view of rising postal charges, etc., to raise the membership subscription for waged and corporate / multiple users from the beginning of the next membership year (June 1989). The unwaged membership subscription remains unaltered.

RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS - SECOND REMINDER

A second reminder is now being sent to those members who have not

yet renewed their subscriptions for the membership year June 1988 - June 1989. Will those members who have not already done so, please renew their subscriptions promptly. Thanks to member Val Smith, who has offered to help with this procedure.

CONFERENCE FOR SIXTH FORMERS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

As part of what is intended as an ongoing commitment, BAIS will organise a series of three conferences for Sixth Formers and their teachers in March 1989 around special paper 6 of the History syllabus: "Ireland c 1912 - c 1923". Contributors to these conferences will be Professor David Harkness (Queen's University, Belfast), and Drs George Boyce (Swansea), Tom Fraser (University of Ulster), and Michael Laffan (University College, Dublin).

BAIS/INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTS EXAMINATIONS IN IRISH (AN GHAEILGE)

Examinations have been approved by the Institute and the first examinations will take place in March of this year. Closing date for entries is 31 January. Details and entry cards from Executive Director.

Congratulations to Siobhán Uí Néill and those who worked with her to push this examination forward.

A REQUEST

Some half-dozen times a year it is necessary to send out a bulk post to members. If there were a number of volunteers who would be free to come in to Poland Street on a morning or afternoon, to pack the materials into envelopes and to stamp them, this would speed up the operation considerably. Any member who feels that he/she might be able to help in this way occasionally, please inform the Executive Director.

PUBLICATIONS

Three document packs published by the ULSTER FOLK AND TRANSPORT MUSEUM (Photos, facsimiles, maps, diagrams and texts, accompanied by exercises). A well thought out and attractively produced series.

X THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS 1831-1921
THE RAILWAY AGE IN IRELAND
LINEN: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE

Available from the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Cultra, Hollywood, co. Down BT18 OEU at £3 per unit or £2.50 per unit for class sets (minimum order 20 copies) plus p & p.

X WORKERS IN UNION, a book of documents and commentaries on the history of Irish Labour, edited by Fergus A D'Arcy and Ken Hannigan, is published by Irish National Archives and is

available from Government Publications sale Office, Sun Alliance House, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2. (Price: 1f4.70.)

EVENTS

5-28 January 1989 - English premiere of PENTECOST, a play by Stewart Parker - performed by Tricycle Theatre Company at the Lyric Studio, Hammersmith, London. Box Office (10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Saturday) 01-741-2311. Stewart Parker, who died in November 1988, was one of Ireland's finest young playwrights. He was perhaps best known for the award-winning play SPOKESONG which was seen in London's West End and on Broadway in 1976, and for his notable work for television.

Saturday, 28 January 1989: EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE - "Ireland and the Irish in the Curriculum" at the Interfaith Centre, Listerhills Road, Bradford. Speakers include: Clem Morrison, Deputy Headteacher, Cheetwood Primary School, Manchester, Mairéid O Keefe, St Mary's Middle School, Northampton, Bernard Campbell, Advisory Teacher in Multi-Cultural Education with Bradford LEA, and Nesson Danaher. Information from: Joe Sheeran, Carlton-Bolling Upper School, Undercliffe Lane, Bradford BD3 ODU - Tel 0274-633111.

Saturday, 11 February 1989: 6TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON IRISH DIMENSIONS IN BRITISH EDUCATION at Soar Valley College, Gleneagles Avenue, Leicester. See enclosed publicity leaflet.

Friday, 24 February 1989: DAY SCHOOL - "Northern Ireland: 21 Years of Conflict" - Staffordshire Polytechnic, Department of Sociology. Speakers include: Professor John Derby, Centre for the Study of Conflict, University of Ulster; David Cairns and Shaun Richards, Staffordshire Polytechnic; Jonathan Moore, editor Irish Studies in Britain. Information from: Jim McAuley, Department of Sociology - Tel 0782-412515 ext 4030.

28-30 March 1989 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE at Alliance Française, Kildare Street, Dublin 2 - "Ireland and the French Revolution". This conference, with speakers from Ireland, Britain, France and the USA, will examine the fortunes of the Irish community in France, French policy towards Ireland, and reactions in Ireland to the revolution in France. Registration fee £20 (students, unwaged and OAPs £5); conference dinner £15. Further information & booking forms from Dr Hugh Gough, Department of Modern History, University College, Dublin 4, Republic of Ireland.

8-10 September 1989 BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR IRISH STUDIES BIENNIAL CONFERENCE at the University of Liverpool. Theme: "Understanding Ireland". Individual sessions will explore perceptions of Ireland and Britain; possible conceptual frameworks for the study of history and literature; the reporting of political violence; the role of the Irish language in the teaching of Irish studies; and reports on research in progress on

the Irish in Britain, with special reference to religion and crime in the past and the educational experience of Irish children and the position of Irish women today. Conference secretaries: Jonathan Moore (BAIS), Harvey Cox (Local). Programme and booking form available in Spring from local conference secretary: Harvey Cox, Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool, PO Box 147, Liverpool L69 3BX - Tel 051-749-3831.

With all best wishes for 1989,

Seán Hutton.