

BAIS NEWSLETTER - UPDATE

March 1990

PREMISES

Because of a change of policy on the part of the Rowntree Trust, all the organisations currently using 9 Poland Street will have to vacate the building by July of this year. BAIS is currently exploring various possibilities; but if you know of any accommodation which may be suitable, please let us know.

ELECTIONS

In 1990 BAIS biennial elections take place. Nominations will be called for in June. The ballot will open in July. The AGM will take place on Saturday, 10 November.

BORD FAILTE ÉIREANN - IRISH TOURIST BOARD "IMAGES OF IRELAND" ESSAY COMPETITION FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The Irish Tourist Board is again running this competition in conjunction with BAIS. (See item in Newsletter.) Please support this venture, if you teach in higher education, by displaying the poster and encouraging participation among students. Further information: Margaret Mellor, Irish Tourist Board, 150-151 Bond Street, London W1Y 0AQ (Tel.: 629-7292).

USIT - YOUTH STUDENT TRAVEL

USIT launched their new series of programme, "Study Breaks in Ireland", on 22 February with the assistance of BAIS. Following this, Seona MacReamoinn plans to visit colleges and organisations who might be interested in arranging study trips to Ireland. She will be in Britain in April and, meantime, can be contacted at USIT, Aston Quay, Dublin 2. (Tel.: 0001-778117)

EVENTS

Seventh Conference of Irish Historians in Britain, Langwith College, University of York, 20-22 April - "Public opinion and political consciousness in Ireland" - ranges over time from Dr Anne Laurence on "Visual Images of 1641" to Dr Alvin Jackson's "Unionist mythologies, 1886-1986". Further information from Dr Allen Warren, Dept of History, University of York, Heslington, York YO1 5DD (Tel.: 0904-432984).

William Parker School, Hastings - Irish Week, 23-28 April. Includes lectures ("Exiles of Erin", "The Irish Joke - aspects of anti-Irish racism"), Irish Tourist Board presentation, dramatic adaptation of "Across the Barricades", Gaelic football, Irish ceilidh. Further information: 0424-439888.

Geology and Environment in South-east Ireland 17-24 June 1990. An Open Study Tour led by Dr Alan Insole, University of Southampton, Department of Adult Education. Cost £300 per person. For information please telephone either Martin Counihan (Southampton University 0703-593779) or Allan Insole (Isle of Wight 0983-403057) or write to Beverley Williams, Dept of Adult Education, University of Southampton, Southampton SO9 SNH.

41st International Summer School at University College, Dublin - "Ireland: tradition, crisis and transition" - 27 June - 13th July. An examination of the Irish tradition in Archaeology, Literature, History, Folklore, Drama, Politics, Architecture and the Arts through lectures, seminars, field tours, theatre visits, recitals and social activities. Information: UCD Summer School, Newman House, 86 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, Ireland (Tel.: 0001-752004).

The Annual Swift Seminar July 8th-13th 1990 at Celbridge Abbey, Celbridge, County Kildare Ireland. Contact: Ms Frances Philips, Celbridge Abbey, Celbridge, County Kildare, tel 0001-288161.

PUBLICATIONS/CATALOGUES

Gabriel Rosenstock Portrait of the Artist as an Abominable Snowman (Forest Books 1989) - Selected Poems/Dual Text - Irish/ English - Translations by Michael Hartnett and Jason Summer. Price: £7.95.

Dorothea Siegmund-Schultze (ed.) Irland: Gesellschaft und Kultur VI (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg 1989). Included among the twenty-nine papers from the 1988 conference are considerations of the IRB, Sinn Féin, Irish Revolution and Ulster, the women's movement, the careers of Mary Ann McCracken, Peadar O'Donnell and Seán Mac Bride, and aspects of the writings of Goldsmith, W B Yeats, Liam O'Flaherty, Jennifer Johnston. (Contact: Professor Dr Dorothea Siegmund-Schultze, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Sektion Sprach- und Literatur-wissenschaft, Grosse Brauhausstrasse 17a, 4020 Halle, DDR.)

Catalogue 91 of Books Relating to Ireland. Available from Emerald Isle Books, 539 Antrim Road, Belfast BT153BU. Tel (0232) 370798.

New Book List from Attic Press, which specialises in the publication of fiction and non-fiction books for and about women by Irish and International authors. Attic Press, 44 Essex Street, Dublin 2, Ireland (Tel.: 01-716367).

AUDIO-VISUAL

Ulster at War, 1914-1918, consists of four 30 minute programmes suitable for use with older secondary pupils. Programme three - which deals with the events of 1916 on the Somme - could be used on its own with younger secondary pupils.

Contents: (1) the nature of the evidence; why men enlisted; training for the front; (2) conditions in the trenches; trench warfare; preparations for the battle of the Somme; (3) the battle of the Somme, 1916; (4) Francis Ledwidge and divided loyalties; the impact of the Easter Rising; the role of the 10th and 16th (Irish) Divisions.

Further information: The Learning Resources Unit, Stranmillis College, Belfast BT9 5DY (Tel.: 0232-381271 x 313/336).

Moving On: Northamptonshire and the Wider World : video, photographs and documents record the life stories of Northampton families from Ireland, Jamaica, Bangladesh, Vietnam. Multi-cultural education pack £35.00 from Julia Bush, Nene College, Moulton Park, Northampton NN2 7AL.