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## Irish Life at Foxhills

The following Associations, and Societies are taking part in the  
Irish Life Golf Championship at Foxhills on the 23rd June, 1978.

| Name  | Players                                | H'cap    | Time  |
|---|--|----------|-------|
| 1. Addlestone Irish                                 | Michael Boland<br>Fred Douglas         | 10<br>11 | 11.00 |
| 2. Athlone Association                              | Andy Kane<br>Brian Ormsby              | 16<br>16 | 10.00 |
| 3. Basildon Irish Club                              | L. Short<br>J. Harrison                | 13<br>11 | 11.00 |
| 4. Basingstoke Irish Society                        | J. Deevooy<br>P. Hickey                | 9<br>18  | 11.00 |
| 5. Birmingham Cork County Association               | M. Moore<br>T. G. Morris               | 13<br>12 | 11.30 |
| 6. Birmingham I.D.A. Golf Society.                  | Patrick Hanlon<br>Leo Kidd             | 18<br>13 | 10.30 |
| 7. Birmingham Irish Welfare Centre (Plunkett House) | T. Moore<br>W. Phipps                  | 13<br>22 | 11.30 |
| 8. Brighton & District Irish Centre                 | Fr. F. Harrington<br>Fr. J. O'Sullivan | 18<br>18 | 10.30 |
| 9. Brighton & Hove Irish Society                    | C. W. Flatman<br>P. J. Franklin        | 16<br>18 | 10.30 |
| 10. Brent Irish Society                             | Mossie Flynn<br>Pat Connery            | 18<br>18 | 10.30 |
| 11. Bruff, Co. Limerick Society                     | J. J. Heffernan<br>D. Stapleton        | 9<br>18  | 11.00 |
| 12. Carlow Association                              | P. G. Shaw<br>W. Kavanagh              | 18<br>18 | 9.30  |
| 13. Clare Association                               | Joseph Kearney<br>Patrick Kearney      | 12<br>15 | 10.00 |
| 14. Corby & District Limerickman's Association      | H. Barnes<br>P. Fenna                  | 12<br>14 | 10.30 |
| 15. Corby Irish Golfing Association.                | Vincent Kelly<br>Gerard Colgan         | 5<br>20  | 11.30 |
| 16. Cork Association                                | C. O'Mahony<br>M. O'Leary              | 7<br>18  | 9.30  |
| 17. Dartford District Irish Society                 | P. McCarthy<br>B. Casey                | 18<br>18 | 9.30  |
| 18. Dublin Association                              | Noel Whelan<br>Peter O'Reilly          | 14<br>5  | 9.30  |
| 19. Galway Association                              | John Creaven<br>Dan Screene            | 13<br>14 | 11.30 |
| 20. Halifax Democratic                              | D. McMorrow<br>Rev. John O'Keeffe      | 18<br>15 | 11.00 |
| 21. High Wycombe Irish Association                  | Fr. J. Harris<br>L. McCormick          | 14<br>18 | 10.00 |
| 22. Hemel Hempstead Irish Association               | John Geogh Egan<br>T. Gregory          | 5<br>7   | 11.30 |

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## Irish Society of Harrow

Patron: Rev. P. Tuite, S.D.S.

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We are pleased to be able to inform you that our planning and licensing applications have been granted for our proposed new Community Centre at Long Elms, Harrow Weald. Our thanks are due to the Councillors and also to the people who write supporting our application.

However, we would like to emphasise and stress that it is absolutely vital that we have the financial support which is necessary to make the centre operational RIGHT NOW.

As we said in last month's Journal, that it is on this more than anything else that the realisation of an Irish Centre in Harrow rests. So please complete the application form and send it on with your remittance. Thank you.

### Festival of Sport.

This will take place on Sunday, June 25th at the Hamilton Brush Company Grounds, Rosslyn Crescent, Harrow (opposite the Civic Centre). Events will include Children's Sports, Wrestling, Ladies Gaelic Football, Soccer, Bonny Baby Show, Pipe Band Display, Irish Music and Dancing, Tug of War, Sideshows, Children's Fancy Dress, Miniature Train Rides, Darts, Inter Society Events, Irish Coffee Stall, etc., etc.

This year's Festival gets under way at 1 p.m. and is in aid of two worthy charities: The Harrow Branch of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the Harrow Association for the Disabled. Incidentally there will also be Bingo sessions during the afternoon. People who may wish to help out in any way please contact Mr. F. Quinn (427 0434) or Mrs. McKeon (427 9042), Mrs. Whelan (422 5346), Mr. J. Crowe (427 4687), Mr. D. Horan (903 0844).

### Outing to Bognor Regis

It is proposed that this will take place on Sunday, July 16th. If you intend to travel, please contact P. Chambers (427 1065) or M. O'Regan (427 3736).

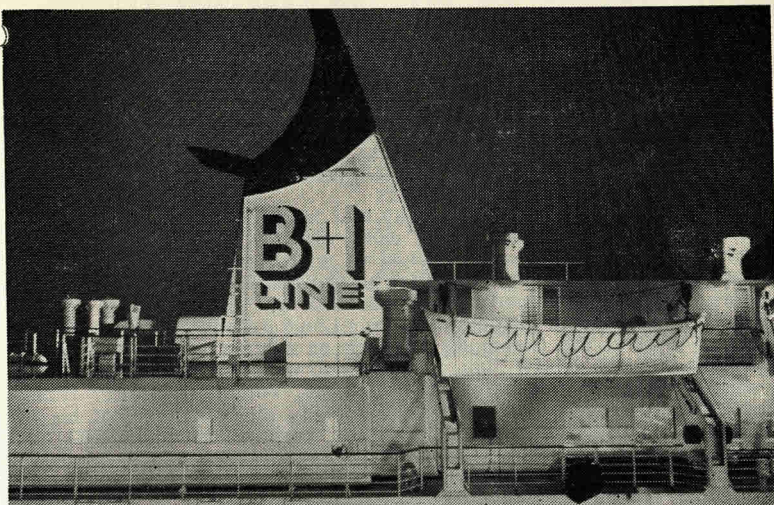
Our Patron Fr. Tuite, S.D.S., has written the following account of the recent Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We met many people from the various societies and associations including the celebrated Chairman of St. Joseph's Festival, Mr. Martin Whitty, K.S.G., and Mr. Jim Murphy, Chairman of the Wexford Association.

M. O'Regan, Hon. Secretary.

On Friday, 28th April, a happy group of pilgrims set off from St. Joseph's in Wealdstone to visit Our Lady's Shrine in Lourdes. In our party were some sick and handicapped as well as helpers and ordinary pilgrims, but we all had one common purpose, namely to experience the peace and tranquility of that hallowed spot in Lourdes, where Our Lady appeared several times to St. Bernadette, before revealing her identity as the Immaculate Conception.

At Victoria Station, we merged with the National Pilgrimage, which travelled by train and boat to Dunkirk, before eventually settling down to the long and arduous thirteen hour train journey in France. As we caught sight of the Grotto our tiredness was soon forgotten, and all in one voice gave praise and honour to Lady by singing the traditional Lourdes Hymn.

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## Irish Community Awards, 1977

These awards are for Irish People, Clubs, Associations, and Societies in England, for their great effort. The Irish Counties Journal take this opportunity to congratulate the Irish Post and Allied Irish Banks for the great service on behalf of all Irish people in this country.

My hero would be James Galway that true Irishman with the Golden Flute who is such a maestro of world classical music, while on stage with the best in the world, manages to get through to his audience that he is in fact Irish and went in for all the competitions in his youth in Ireland, he then proceeds to play an Irish air which delights his fans and all music lovers including the large London Philharmonic Orchestra. Jimmy was at the Community Awards as a guest and is as charming off stage as on. I saw Jimmy chatting to one of London's most dedicated Comhaltas teachers and organisers, Tommy McGuire. Tommy certainly deserved his award as practically every moment of his life is dedicated to teaching children the various instruments in true Comhaltas fashion. In fact all of Tommy's family are Comhaltas members and fine musicians. One could say the family that play music together tend to stay together.

A well deserved award went to Mr. Terence Sheeny of Bord Failte who has been dedicated to Irish Tourism for most of his life as other members of his family before him.

A very proud person was Paddy O'Connor's daughter, Mrs. Pat Hardiman, who received Paddy's award. Paddy who died only a short time ago was a good Irishman who in true Irish tradition helped thousands of not only Irish people but homeless people of all nationalities. Paddy O'Connor never ceased fighting local authorities to find homes for his homeless up to the day he died. It sometimes got him into hot water but this did not deter him. R.I.P.

Tommy Dunne was there chatting to Mary O'Hara amongst his many other friends. It was nice to see the amiable Mr. Michael Kilroy receiving an award, well deserved for putting the Irish in Jersey on the map.

It was nice to see Cavan Association member, T. P. McKenna, who read the citations so perfectly. T.P. is proud to be a Cavan man and attends most of the Cavan Association functions in London with his very beautiful wife.

It was nice to see Mr. Charles Gallagher at one of his very few outings amongst us these days. Mr. Gallagher was Managing Director of the Abbey Group for some years. Mr. Gallagher still retains an interest in Abbey amongst other enterprises. Charles worked diligently for the Irish Centre and the Irish Club for many years.

Waterford Association man Mr. Brendan Beatty, who is also Chairman and instigator of the Irish Post was there to lend a hand. Finally congratulations to Mr. Gerry O'Mahony, head man of Allied Irish Banks here, and Mr. Brendan McClua, Managing Director and Editor of the Irish Post, for the grand show they arranged for the night of presentations at the London Tara Hotel.

Irish Counties Journal Representative.

# **Irish Life at Foxhills (continued from page 1).**

| Name                                     | Players                              | H'cap    | Time<br>a.m. |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| 23. Holyrood Golf Society                | Phil Smith<br>Joe Bowe               | 18<br>15 | 11.00        |
| 24. Ilford & District Irish Society      | Rev. A. O'Gorman<br>T. C. O'Sullivan | 18<br>10 | 10.30        |
| 25. Jersey Irish Golf Society            | B. J. McCarthy<br>W. J. Doyle        | 2<br>12  | 11.30        |
| 26. Kilkenny Association, London         | Fr. B. O'Shea<br>Fr. M. Spelman      | 11<br>16 | 10.00        |
| 27. Kilmallock & District<br>Association | Tom O'Donnell<br>Cal O'Donnell       | 7<br>8   | 10.30        |
| 28. Knockainey                           | John O'Brien<br>Ted Kenny            | 16<br>17 | 11.00        |
| 29. Laois Association                    | Kevin Barry<br>Matthew Courtney      | 22<br>20 | 10.30        |
| 30. Leeds Irish Centre                   | Michael Buggle<br>Richard Walsh      | 16<br>16 | 11.00        |
| 31. Leeds Irish Golf Society             | J. Byrne<br>Pat Brennan              | 18<br>16 | 11.30        |
| 32. Leeds Irish Society                  | Martin Ford<br>Jim Sheehy            | 6<br>18  | 11.30        |
| 33. Leeds Irish Welfare                  | Brian Connolly<br>Joe Sheehy         | 8<br>16  | 11.00        |
| 34. Leeds Mayo Association               | Gerard Sheehy<br>Tony Gallagher      | 11<br>18 | 11.30        |
| 35. Limerick Association                 | P. Danagher<br>James Heffernan       | 16<br>13 | 9.30         |
| 36. Liverpool Irish Centre               | T. Fitzgerald<br>Rev. P. O'Sullivan  | 12<br>11 | 11.30        |
| 37. London Irish Centre                  | Rev. W. J. Cagney<br>J. Wright       | 16<br>14 | 10.00        |
| 38. London Irish<br>Rugby Football Club  | W. D. Lemon<br>D. Kenny              | 14<br>11 | 10.00        |
| 39. Irish Welfare Bureau,<br>London      | Patrick Kelly<br>James Herbert       | 17<br>13 | 9.30         |
| 40. Louth Association                    | William Reilly<br>Cyril Davey        | 18<br>13 | 10.00        |
| 41. Luton Irish Golfing Society          | M. O'Reilly<br>T. O'Brien            | 10<br>11 | 11.00        |
| 42. Mayo Association                     | Oliver Foye<br>Patrick Hughes        | 18<br>18 | 11.00        |
| 43. Meath Association                    | Stephen Bowyer<br>James Cooney       | 12<br>18 | 11.30        |
| 44. Monaghan Association                 | Ed. Brown<br>E. Harrington           | 18<br>18 | 11.00        |
| 45. Newcastle West                       | Joe Crowley<br>John Mullins          | 11<br>16 | 9.30         |

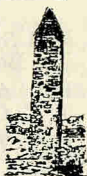
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## The Fermanagh Association, London

Patron: Most Rev. Dr. Mulligan, Lord Bishop of Clogher.

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The Association are holding a dance on Friday, June 23rd at the "St. Vincents" Social Club, Harrow Road, W.9. Entrance in Woodfield Place. Music by the Four Counties C. & W. and Irish. Tickets 50p. Our thanks to P.J. and Mrs. Green and a special thank you to Fr. Strain for allowing us the use of the hall.

Fermanagh are drawn to meet Meath in the first round of the Inter-County Quiz, date to be fixed. Preparations are being made for the forthcoming "Festival" at Roundwood Park on July 2nd. We trust our friends will come along and visit us on our "Fermanagh Stall."

Congratulations to Frank McManus, our former President, on qualifying as a lawyer. We understand he is taking up practise in Enniskillen and Lisnaskea.

Hugh and I have just returned from a short holiday in Fermanagh and also were present at the Fermanagh Association, Dublin Annual Dinner, in the Clare Manor Hotel, Malahide, as guests representing our Association. Our Association also made a donation to "The United Counties Organisation" under the auspices of the Association of Parents and Friends of Mentally Handicapped Children, "St. Michael's, Dublin" at this function. I must say we enjoyed our trip by train and boat via Holyhead/Dublin and we enjoyed the advantage of duty free goods. Our thanks to all who campaigned for these long overdue facilities.

Finally we wish all our readers and friends happy holidays.

Mary McCormack, Hon. Secretary.

### Irish Society of Harrow (continued from page 2)

The week spent in Lourdes will be remembered by all as a time of joy and peace, where the serenity and cheerfulness of the sick and handicapped coupled with the outstanding selfless and devoted service of the doctors, nurses, brancardiers and handmaids gave us an insight to the purpose of giving greater glory to God through the service of one's neighbour.

Although there were no large pilgrimages from Ireland in Lourdes at that particular time, one did not have to travel far in Lourdes before recognising an "Irish Accent." In fact, a group of Irish Priests and Pilgrims from Dublin joined us at the Grotto for our "Farewell" Mass on the day of our departure.

We came back to Wealdstone on Saturday, 6th May, spiritually refreshed and strengthened in our convictions that God's love and care for suffering humanity is something real and active. Since 11th February, 1858, when the first Apparition took place that love of God has been brought more into focus by Our Lady's message of Prayer and Penance, and has been expressed by the charity generated in Lourdes by one and all for the good of all.

Patrick Tuite, S.D.S.



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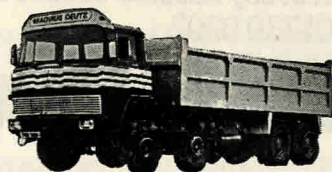
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The monologue veered from football to Concorde to devolution to horse-riding in winter, etc., etc.

When eventually I managed to slide in a few brief sentences, he unerringly detected my origins, but assured me heartily that some of his best friends were Irish. The resumption of his monologue prevented me from asking him whether he would allow his daughter to marry me.

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The above club was founded by the Oxford Bus Company some 20 years ago and up until 1971 only employees were allowed membership. When the Company was nationalised to become part of the "National Bus Company" the employees took over the social club and due to hard work and fund raising by the committee plus extending membership to outsiders the club has grown over the years. Although the club consists of mixed nationalities there is a strong Irish influence within it as the chairman, secretary, treasurer, organiser and a number of the committee are all Irish. Seven years ago the first of the club's low cost travel trips were run to Ireland which proved so popular that these trips have continued every year since. This coming Christmas as well as both coaches to Longford, Mayo, Cavan, Leitrim, Sligo and Donegal. There is a third coach planned which will cover Kildare, Limerick, Cork and Tipperary areas. Departures are Friday, December 22nd, from London returning Saturday, December 30th; adults £28.50, children £16.50.

A. Keenan.

## Irish Association, North London

Chairman: Mr. Tom McGuire (Tel. 440 0424).

Secretary: Mr. Tom Tiernan (Tel. 363 3069).

Treasurer: Mr. Ben Begley (Tel. 359 5994).

The A.G.M. of the above association was held on Friday, 31st March, 1978, at the Turrets, New Southgate. The meeting commenced at 8.45 p.m. with Mr. McGuire the retiring chairman welcoming all the members present and thanking them for their attendance on the night and also for their fantastic support in the year that had passed since the last A.G.M. Members in attendance were in the region of forty to fifty. Mr. McGuire went on to say the time had come when we should take a more positive outlook as to how we intended to shape and promote the aims and ambitions of our association. Tom said it was one of his main purposes within the association that we should as soon as possible acquire our own premises and for this reason the continued support of all members and non-members is necessary. The chairman then outlined functions and events that had taken place during the past year.

A benefit dance had been held for one of our members whose husband had died suddenly leaving a wife and young family and towards this worthy cause some £300 was raised. We now have a thriving Golf Society within the association and this activity has also contributed to our membership because to be a golf member you have also got to be a member of the parent association. This venture within the association has its own committee and officers. Whilst writing their next two outings are to "Foxhills" in Surrey and South Herts. during June and July. Also the Gold Tournament for the Turrets Trophy will be held at Enfield on September 11th next. The golf committee are also arranging a dance, this is to be held at the "Archway Tavern" on 22nd July, 1978. A darts team has been formed and although I say so myself you would have to travel far and wide before finding a better one. Captain of the team is Pairic Kearney. Organisation of all matches and venues are in the capable hands of Moss Aulsberry. At the time of writing they are still unbeaten.

Our Annual Dinner Dance was held in December of 1977 at Alexandra Palace, North London. Quite a number of guests turned up at our invitation, too numerous to mention all, suffice to say we were very thankful for all donations towards our raffle. Music for the evening was by that up and coming young band "The Beltones" (plug, plug). I think it is safe to say that all present had a marvellous time. After the chairman's report came the financial statement presented by our Treasurer, Mr. Begley, it was a very detailed account and very well presented, all that needs to be said is "what we had lost on the swings we gained on the roundabouts" and we are left with a healthy bank balance this year but we would hope to improve this further by next year. There being no further reports it was election time. Mr. McGuire was duly proposed and seconded as Chairman and there being no further nominations Tommy was elected unopposed to serve a further year as chairman. Well done Tommy. There were two nominations for Secretary, one declined therefore Mr. Tiernan was elected unopposed. Same procedure for Treasurer, two nominations, one declined so Mr. Begley was re-elected unopposed as treasurer. These being all the officers a further eleven committee members were elected as follows: Mrs. T. McGuire (Waterford), Mrs. K. Groves (Waterford), Mr. P. Ryan (Tipperary), Mr. B. Mackey (Dublin), Mr. E. Johnston (Sligo), Mr. P. O'Donoghue (Kerry), Mr. M. McCauley (Cavan), Mr. B. Aulsberry (Waterford), Mr. M. Hallaghan (Dublin), Mr. J. Ruane (Mayo).

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## Clare Association, London

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On the 28th April we travelled northwards to Coventry on a coach trip to visit our counterparts from the Birmingham and Coventry area. Due to extensive roadworks on the M1, we were very late in arriving. However, a most enjoyable night followed. We left the fine city of Coventry in the early hours and we arrived back in London in time for breakfast.

We attended the A.G.M. at the Irish Centre on 9th May. We listened intently to the chairman and his very able committee who outlined their programme for the coming year. With their organising ability and businesslike approach, there is no doubt that the building project will be an outstanding success. A model of the proposed building being on display; once built it will serve the social needs of the Irish in London for many years to come.

Our most recent monthly meeting was held in the St. Oliver Plunkett Social Club, Nightingale Lane, Clapham. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. P. Haire, who was a founder member of the Irish Club in Wimbledon, we were welcomed by Fr. R. Quinlan. We thank them for their hospitality and we hope to return again in the foreseeable future.

As we are now approaching the Festival, we would be delighted to hear from anybody willing to help for a few hours on the day. This event, after last year's success is here to stay, and the least we can do is give the organisers a few hours of our time. Any assistance forthcoming will be greatly appreciated. In addition, we would be pleased to accommodate new members. Applications will be dealt with promptly by the treasurer at the above address.

John Phillips, Press Officer.



# **Irish Life at Foxhills (continued from page 5)**

| Name  | Players            | H'cap | Time<br>a.m. |
|---|--------------------|-------|--------------|
| 46. Newham Irish Society                    | Michael Forde      | 6     | 10.30        |
|   | Patrick Monaghan   | 16    |              |
| 47. Newport Irish Family<br>Association     | E. Thornton        |       | 11.30        |
|   | E. Maher           |       |              |
| 48. Irish Association of<br>North London    | Phil Ryan          | 13    | 9.30         |
|   | Jim McGrath        | 13    |              |
| 49. Portsmouth Irish Society                | Fr. John Walsh     | 18    | 10.00        |
|   | John Cunningham    | 18    |              |
| 50. Irish Centre, Rugby                     | Kevin Cahill       | 14    | 10.30        |
|   | John Roche-Kelly   | 15    |              |
| 51. Slough Irish Society                    |                    |       | 9.30         |
| 52. Sligo Association                       | Seamus Costello    | 18    | 10.00        |
|   | Joe Conlon         | 18    |              |
| 53. Surrey Irish Society                    | M. F. Brooks       | 9     | 10.00        |
|   | E. Boland          | 14    |              |
| 54. Swindon Irish Club                      | J. Cahill          | 20    | 10.00        |
|   | P. A. Smith        | 20    |              |
| 55. Thurrock Irish Club                     | Chris Geraghty     | 16    | 11.30        |
|   | Fr. John Gordon    | 12    |              |
| 56. Watford & District<br>Irish Association | Gerry Cramer       | 8     | 10.30        |
|   | John Dillon        | 18    |              |
| 57. Watford Association,<br>London          | Tony Beatty        | 17    | 10.00        |
|   | Garry Hill         | 14    |              |
| 58. West London Irish Society               | T. Glynn           | 21    | 9.30         |
|   | M. Murray          | 17    |              |
| 59. Westmeath Association,<br>London        | J. Browne          | 9     | 9.30         |
|   | S. Cunningham      | 18    |              |
| 60. Wexford Association, London             | Michael Canterbury | 18    | 10.30        |
|   | Declan Lennane     | 18    |              |
| 61. Woking & District<br>Irish Association  | J. Cockburn        | 22    | 9.30         |
|   | D. Dunne           | 14    |              |
| 62. Oxford Irish Club                       |                    |       |              |

## **Irish Society of Harrow (continued from page 6)**

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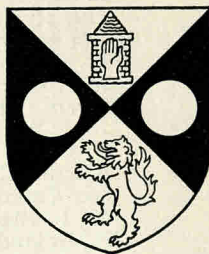
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After our May Dance the Cavan Association, like other County Associations, are preparing for the Irish Festival in Roundwood Park on July the 2nd. As you will recall, last year's Festival was a very memorable occasion and it made us all feel very proud of our ancient culture and heritage.

This year the festival promises to be even bigger and better than last year. Cavan will have a stand at the festival where we will be displaying and selling Cavan Crystal and other items of home craft from Cavan. As you know, the success of Cavan Crystal in the few years since its establishment is something the founders could hardly have dreamed. This year we hope to have cheaper pieces of crystal available, rather than the very ornate expensive pieces so there should be something to suit everyone's pocket. In addition we hope to have other souvenir items from Cavan such as pens, pencils, key rings, pocket knives, etc. Don't forget to come and see us at the Cavan Stand. You'll be most welcome and we will be happy to be able to help you in any way.

The many friends of Brian and Marie Mullen were sorry to hear that Brian was ill for a few weeks and was hospitalised. However I am happy to report he is home again and looking extremely well. Could he be looking otherwise? Brian hopes to take it easy for a few weeks and we all wish him a total and speedy recovery.

Pat Bannon.

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The new change in local government is not the only one we have had in this neck of the woods.

We are at present under the leadership of Mr. Val Maloney and as he already knows, he can count on all of us to do what we can to help ease the burden of life at the "top."

Our Assistant Secretary, Marie Moore, has also resigned. Sincere thanks Marie for all the work you have done for us. Mr. Tom Mulvany has agreed to take this job on.

Also sincere thanks to Mrs. Bridie Fitzgerald who once again made the "500 Club" a great success.

The draw was held at Acton Town Hall and when Father Buckley came to draw the first prize winner's number, you would have heard a pin drop.

There we were, all mentally spending the £500 on a holiday at home, when the winning number 32 was called out.

The lucky lady, Miss G. McGreevy was in Hanwell, babysitting for her sister, Mrs. Dowd, who had that afternoon presented her husband with a lovely baby daughter.

It was the proud father who collected the cheque for £500 on behalf of the winner. Goretta, who comes from Boyle, Co. Roscommon, told me a few days later that she could still hardly believe it had really happened.

The second prize, number 233, for £150 was won by N. Connelly of Ealing. Third, number 188, won £100 for Mrs. G. Rogers from Hanwell, and the fourth prize for £50 won by Mr. T. Corr from Chiswick was number 117.

Next month we will give you the winners of the holiday in Jersey for two, B + I Voucher, TV set, pressure cooker, etc., that are being offered in our current draw.

If you all promise to keep it to yourselves, I can give you some advice to help you win one of the wonderful prizes we frequently offer.

**BUY A TICKET!** If you don't buy, you can't win. Tickets are available from all committee members, and who knows, it might be YOUR name in the journal next time!

Josephine Dempsey, Public Relations Officer.

# OUR QUIZ

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## Veterans.

1. Who is the Minister of Agriculture in the present Government?
2. When did the Titanic sink?
3. At what temperature are Fahrenheit and Centigrade the same?
4. In a criminal sense, where would you expect to find arches, whorls and loops?
5. Where do the Red Cross, the World Health Organisation, and the World Council of Churches have their headquarters?
6. What is Ramadan?



## Juniors.

1. What is the largest bird in the world?
2. On what date will the 20th Century end?
3. Which Peter: (a) never grew up; (b) picked a peck of pickled peppers; (c) is a Naval Flag?
4. Are a cows horns in front of, or behind its ears?
5. Where is the Black Forest?
6. Who was the first man to exceed a speed of over 400 m.p.h. on land?



## Womenfolk.

1. Who wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin"?
2. Of what was Pan the God?
3. When was tennis dropped from the Olympic Games?
4. Who, in history, said "No woman should marry a teetotaler, or a man who does not smoke"?
5. Where was Joan of Arc born, and where did she die?
6. In which country would a lady wear a kimono?

(Answers on page 20)

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Dear Friends,

As a mark of respect to Michael MacLiammoir whose recent death has been mourned internationally, and at whose funeral the President and Government of Ireland paid glowing tributes, we have decided to defer our May Ball, and hold instead a formal dinner in his memory at the London Tara Hotel on June 18th at 7.30 p.m.

There is no need to remind you that Michael gave his splendid talents to his promotion of the arts in Ireland at great personal sacrifice. In the twenties he founded the Irish Speaking Theatre "Taidhdhearch na Gaillimhe," and was joined soon afterwards by Hilton Edwards in founding the Dublin Gate Theatre. With this foundation the then young Irish nation was given its first glimpse of International Theatre. Latterly, Michael's own "one-man" shows, in particular his Oscar Wilde, won him world-wide acclaim, but it was to Ireland, first, last, and to the end that he gave his genius.

We have invited some of Michael's special friends—the cream of the British Theatre—Hilton Edwards, now recovered from his recent illness, will be coming from Dublin to be with us, and our own Donal Cox, an ex-member of the Gate, will read some of Michael's own words. I know that you and your friends will want to be with us to confer a worthy "Oscar" on this man of Great importance! Liam Martin, President.

Tickets for Dinner and a night to remember can be obtained from our Social Secretary, Marie Martin, early application is advisable. Dinner tickets £10.00 each (black tie); application with stamped addressed envelope please to Mrs. Marie Martin, 8 Hoadley Road, Streatham, London, SW16.

### Irish Association of North London (continued from page 11)

The meeting finished approximately 10-15 and this was followed by a dance until 1 a.m. which was greatly enjoyed by all present (especially by Kitty because she won the whisky). Music for this occasion was by "The Fantastic Swinging Doors." Subsequently at our first committee meeting after the A.G.M. various other appointments were made as follows: Darts and bank bookings were to be taken care of by Moss Aulsberry and Eddie Johnson. Federation delegates: P. Donoghue and M. McCauley. Golf Society: This was still left in the control of B. Mackey and P. Ryan. Fund raising: Mrs. T. McGuire and Mrs. K. Groves, of whom it has been said "they could sell sand to the Arabs." Assistant Secretary: Mrs. T. McGuire. Assistant Treasurer: Mr. T. Tiernan.

The guy with writer's cramp doing this was elected as Press and Publicity Officer, yours truly, Bill Aulsberry. I had better stop and save something for the next time and finish by saying two things. The I.A.N.L. are having their own tie done, colour blue, with emblems of four provinces, St. George's Cross and initials I.A. of N.L. Last, but by no means least, our grateful thanks to all concerned in supporting our association in the past year, we thank you ALL most sincerely and look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

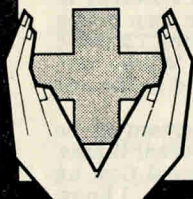
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### Answers to Our Quiz

#### Veterans.

1. Mr. John Silkin.
2. April 14th, 1912.
3. —40 degrees.
4. They are the patterns which make up fingerprints.
5. Geneva.
6. The ninth month of the Mohammedan year, during which the great annual fast is observed.

#### Juniors.

1. The Ostrich.
2. 31st December, 2000.
3. (a) Peter Pan; (b) Peter Piper; (c) Blue Peter.
4. In front.
5. Germany.
6. John Cobb in 1947.

#### Womenfolk.

1. Harriet Becher Stowe.
2. Pastures, Shepherds and Flocks.
3. 1924.
4. Robert Louis Stevenson.
5. She was born in Domremy, and was burned at the stake in Rouen.
6. Japan.

From Mary Desmond—Cavan Association.



## Hillingdon Borough Irish Society

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Since I last put pen to paper, the officers and committee of the Hillingdon Irish Society have all been very busy organising dances and functions. I'm happy to say all were a huge success.

Irish evening held recently at Hayes Manor School, Middlesex, was an evening to remember. A capacity crowd turned out to hear the talented Terry McCann a recent New Faces winner on television and also the marvellously named Scartaglen Irish Folk Group, they were out of this world. We were also entertained by Eillen Long and her group of young Irish dancers, they were fantastic. A big thank you to all for a lovely evening's entertainment and we hope to see you all soon again.

Many thanks to Dave Fullam and Dominic Reid from the Allied Irish Bank, Hammersmith, for coming along to support us. Also two charming young ladies from the Irish Tourist Board, Stephanie Byrne and Rosaleen Garvey.

On behalf of the chairman and committee a big thank you to B + I for presenting the society with a £50 voucher and to Jerry Feeney, area representative for B + I, who came along to present it to the lucky winner Phil McGrath. Congratulations Phil and a happy holiday.

We were also very honoured to have Father Cagney, director of the Irish Centre, with us at a recent function.

The aim of the society is to raise some money to build their own Irish Club in Hillingdon. To date all our dances have been a sell out. Many thanks to you the members and their friends for their help and support, without whose support all efforts would be to no avail.

The annual general meeting will be held at Bothwell Hall, Bothwell Lane, Hayes, on Wednesday, June 21st, at 8 p.m. If you have suggestions, comments, criticisms, then come along and air your views in your society. We need your help and support, so come along and have your say and let your friends know.

The next dance will be held at Hayes Manor School on Saturday, July 1st. Music by the Jay Birds. For further information contact any of the above members.

We regret to report the sudden death of our committee member, Mrs. Marie Wooley. Marie was one of our active members of the committee and we shall miss her very much. We offer our sincere sympathy to her husband Alf and family. I would like to remember Marie as I last saw her dancing happily with her husband at one of our recent dances. May she rest in peace.

I take this opportunity on behalf of our chairman and committee to thank the press for the publicity they gave the society during the past year. Mrs. Jane Smyth and her daughter Elizabeth, Editor of the Journal. To Peter Kennedy of the Irish Post. To Gerry Daly of the Irish Weekly.

Slainte.

Bridie Neeves, Press Officer.



## The Waterford Association, London



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This report is a combined effort by various members of our committee and I thank them for their efforts.

The following report on the Lismore Reunion is by our secretary, Mrs. Mary Allen:

Lismore and Ballysaggart held a very successful Reunion at the Cavendish Ballroom on May 5th. The organizers did a wonderful job much of the work being done by Roseline Hickey, who had only returned home from hospital two days before where she had given birth to her third child, a boy weighing nine pounds. Many congratulations Roseline. The Lismore ladies must be descended from strong stock as Roseline spent several hours on her feet going from group to group chatting.

The Waterford Association was well represented, amongst whom were Chairman, Mr. John O'Keeffe; Secretary, Yours truly; Mr. and Mrs. Reddy, Mrs. Ann Dwyer, Mrs. Kitty Groves and daughter Sharon, Jacqueline Allan. Bill and Moss Aulsberry arrived later in the evening accompanied by the Swinging Doors group, one of whom had a relative in the band providing the music for the evening.

Dancing went on till 1 a.m. and everyone agreed that a wonderful and friendly atmosphere prevailed throughout the entire evening.

Our Chairman's effort in journalism is as follows:

The London Borough of Brent Council Chambers will ring to the sound of two Waterford voices, as a consequence of recent London Borough elections.

John Ryan, son of Philip and Agnes Ryan, 15 Shortcross, Waterford, was elected as a Councillor for the Willesden Green ward and will be joining Councillor Rick Lawler, another Waterfordian who is a long standing councillor for the Stonebridge ward. John also acted as the Brent East constituency agent and has been membership secretary for his party for the past three years. A regular visitor to Waterford with his family, John is anxious to correspond with the local Waterford councillors. John's London address is 46 Lancaster Road, Dollis Hill, London, N.W.10.

Waterford City and Tramore Reunion went with a swing and the ladies headed by our Secretary made a wonderful job of the buffet which was supplied by our lady members. The beautiful damask table cloths and antique dishes filled with home made goodies was admired by all. The next part of this report was chronicled by our Vice-Chairman, Mr. John Franklin, and committee member, Mrs. Mamie Reddy.

Two people who met at the Reunion held at the Cricklewood Hotel (13th May) were Johnny Healy from Portlaw (former Waterford Hurler), holder of various medals. 1929 Minor All Ireland, 1932 Junior Championship with Dunhill, 1934 Junior All Ireland, 1936 Junior Medal with Portlaw. John is now a widower and retired, although invited to spend his retirement with his daughter in Australia, prefers to spend

his retirement in London amongst his friends and visit his native Port-law as often as possible. A young looking man to be retired I saw him trip the light fantastic with a grace and ease many a younger man would envy. John had a great chat about Waterford to Tommy Mull-alley who hails from Alexander Street. I also saw Alfie Smyth (Wally's brother) who had a great chat to Paddy Reddy whose father taught Alf a lot about the Killing side of the butchering business when the Smyth's were in that business in Waterford many years ago. When Alf was a lad he took particular interest in the abattoir side and was heard to remark to Paddy "your father was the best in the business." All the way from Oxford came Mick Power from Peter Street, he thought it was worth the journey to meet old acquaintances. Mick has an invalid wife, through a serious car accident a few years ago. Mick's wife is an English lady and a very sweet and tolerant person.

Larry Coady and friends from Watford: Mr. and Mrs. Paddy Ryan, a cousin of Pat Reddy, a committee member attended the City of Waterford and Tramore Reunion with a large party of fifty including his brothers Kevin and Walter with their wives Mary and Nora. They come from Tyoolavi, Waterford. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Rory Connors with some of their family. They are old friends and we had not seen them for several years. They come from Corrigeen Park. Mrs. Anna Dwyer also a committee member from Dungarvan had a party of friends there.

From Life Vice-President, Michael Brazil, who is organising our football tournament at the Waterford Festival on Sunday, 18th June, at West London Stadium, Du Cane Road, W.12.

The football tournament at our festival will follow the same procedure as last year. Two first round matches will be played, the winners of each match to play each other for winner and runner-up places, the two losing teams to play for 3rd and 4th places. The two series of games will be played at the same times on adjacent pitches. The draw and time-table are as follows:

2.15 p.m.—(a) London Broadcasting Corporation v. Westminster Wanderers.

(b) Allied Irish Banks v. Shamrock F.C.

3.45 p.m.—Winners of (a) v. Winners of (b).

Losing Team (a) v. Losing Team (b).

As the football tournament is but part of the general Festival which will feature other sporting activities, a complex time-table has been evolved and is being printed in the lucky number programmes. The smooth organisation of the day's events depends on adherence to the time-table. Consequently, I would appeal to all teams to have your players present in good time and ready to start at the scheduled kick-off times.

The matches will be of one hour duration, penalties to decide if drawn at full-time.

May I, on behalf of the Waterford Association, London, thank you most sincerely for again offering to play in the football tournament and I trust you will have a good day's fun, Michael.

Jim Regan has played an enormous part in organising the athletics under the A.A.A. rules. Too many races to mention here from 100m. boys and girls from under 12 years to senior medley ladies and gents, ladies high jump, 16lb. shot, etc.

Our secretary, Mrs. Mary Allen, has arranged the Tug o' War which is under special licence and being organised by the Metropolitan Police teams who do the job perfectly if one should look back to their organisation of same event at the Harrow Irish Society Festival last year.

Our chairman has worked hard for the Festival, it was his brainchild and he is making sure everything goes with a swing. John has been in constant touch with the Waterford Athletic Club and the Stadium and various organisers of the different activities as has Mary Allen, it is a

(continued at foot of next page)



## "Only Yesterday"

Only yesterday you came—or so it seems—  
Only yesterday I taught you how to pray,  
You were the answer to all my dreams.  
Now the time has come for me to say—  
"Farewell, my son; you have made your choice."  
This is the hour I knew I'd dread,  
Now is the hour I long to hear your voice,  
But at a time like this—words are left unsaid.

The gangway's hauled ashore—the sirens sound,  
The gulf between us grows—after all those years.  
Another son forsakes his native ground  
And only time alone will dry his tears.  
You who need not tread the stranger's shore  
Or see dawn break on a distant bay  
Then perhaps you'll understand a little more—  
A Mother, when she shakes her head—  
And says—"Only yesterday . . ."

Michael Hannon.

## Stop Press

### Killarney and District Reunion Committee

The above committee are doing a special excursion for the At Home in their native Killarney. You can stay in Ireland for either two or three weeks leaving here on the 9th August and returning on the 23rd or the 30th August. Foot passengers or cars, for information please ring Mr. Dan Grimes on 01 961-3714.

### Waterford Association (continued from page 23)

big undertaking and a lot of hard work has to be done behind the scenes.

The display of Irish Dancing, which takes place on the centre pitch was organised by two committee members Mrs. Dwyer and Mrs. Reddy. In between the Irish Dancing there will be a Ceili Band and a display by the London Wexford Mummers. By odd coincidence one of them is a Waterford man. Our next door neighbours, the Wexford Association, are also helping us with six stewards on the day of the festival. It promises to be a great day's outing with Agnes O'Connell's Pipe Band, various side shows and children's novelty races. Do come along and bring your friends, whatever county you come from you will be as welcome as the flowers in May.

It says a lot for our Association when the London Broadcasting Company, Members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, the Metropolitan Police and Allied Irish Banks are delighted to participate in our festival.

On behalf of the Waterford Association I would like to thank them all very sincerely.

### Dates for your Diary.

18th June—Waterford Festival of Sport and Dancing, West London Stadium, Du Cane Road, London, W.12.

24th June—Charity Dance at the Holyrood Social Club, Tolpits Lane, Bushy Watford; for coaches please ring John O'Keeffe 452 7940.

11th August—Our At Home Dinner at the Tower Hotel, Waterford. Please contact Mary Allen at 267 8100 or Jim Griffin 24 Emmet Place, Waterford, Mrs. Kitty Johnes Hennessys Road, Waterford, or any committee member.

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