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## A Synopsis of the past Twenty-five Years by Wally Smyth

Former Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Life Vice-President.

All roads lead to Waterford at the present time to celebrate our 25th anniversary in the form of our At Home Dinner at the Tower Hotel on 15th August.

A beautiful silver brochure and menu has been produced for this occasion and a similar one will be produced for our London Dinner at Barkers of Kensington on 25th October next.

A time to give a little thought to founder members like Paddy Fahey, a fine professional and successful photographer who did much for the Association through the media. Paddy is still in London and still running a very successful photographic business though we don't see so much of him now as we did in the old days. Larry Cunningham the first chairman and remained with us until the time of his death, R.I.P. Jim Regan still plodding on in committee. Other founder members were Tommy Corcoran, Sean Kenny and Mrs. P. Kenny, Michael Morrissey, Mr. N. Noonan, Mr. T. Hurley, and Mr. W. Corcoran.

Very soon afterwards they were joined by Michael Brazil and Jimmy Griffin. Michael was assistant secretary in 1956, and chairman in 1957. Michael is still around and here I would like to wish him well after his heart surgery recently. Bishop Henderson has had you in his prayers, Michael, so you are assured of a speedy recovery. In 1957 Jim Griffin was vice-chairman and continued working for the Association until he went back to Waterford and there Jimmy is on our sub-committee at the present time. We grew up with the Irish Centre and were in close liaison with the first director, Fr. Tom McNamara, R.I.P. The sum of £25 was donated to the Irish Centre in 1957 and a further £23 the following year.

Our Association launched the Inter-County Quiz in 1956, the finals of which were recorded by Radio Eireann and transmitted during their Christmas programmes.

In 1957 a monthly journal called "Urbs Intacta" was conceived, a copy of which is still in existence.

In January, 1957, the first annual London Dinner was held at the Irish Club, Eaton Square, London, S.W.1.

In this year Jimmy Griffin found Wally and Jane Smyth and prevailed on them to become members, members we became, and very active committee members from the following annual general meeting. I believe that my wife and I are the longest active members of the Waterford Association we have never had a break from the activities of the Association since 1958. I had the privilege and pleasure of being  
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## **Waterford Association (continued from page 1)**

chairman and vice-chairman on several occasions throughout the years and am very proud to bear the title of life vice-president.

Before I go any further I would like to pay tribute to my wife who was the perfect hostess during my terms as chairman and at any other time the committee wished her to do so.

The second annual dinner was held in the Banqueting Suite at Lyons Corner House, Tottenham Court Road, this is where we met Paddy Stafford and a large party of his family and friends. Paddy is still with us and still takes his family to all our dinners.

Councillor Ted Flynn was chairman of our Association from 1958 to 1962. Ted, R.I.P., introduced us to Hammersmith Town Hall where we held our annual London dinners for many years. When I resided in the Borough of Hammersmith my wife and I were invited to the Mayor's Banquet every year. This was a compliment to the Waterford Association as there were thousands of British as well as ethnic groups operating in the borough who begged to be invited to such a function. One could say it was the best Mayor's Banquet in London in so much as it was the last banquet before all the mayors handed over their chains of office to their successors. So every mayor and mayoress of all the London Boroughs were present in saying it was the best Mayor's Banquet. I did have experience of the Lord Mayor of the City of London's Banquet before knowing the Waterford Association, many years ago.

From 1955 to 1965 our Association was known as the Waterfordmen's Association as we had so many ladies working so hard in committees we changed the name to the Waterford Association, London, at the annual general meeting in 1965.

In 1965 my mother was received by the Mayor of New York, the City Fathers in Waterford through the good offices of the then Mayor, Fad Brown, entrusted to her a letter from the City of Waterford to the City of New York. She was introduced to Mayor Lindsey by the then Commissioner of Police in that august city, Mr. O'Brien. It was the day Mayor Lindsey announced that he would no longer run for office so all the television cameras were there and my mother and my sister, Mrs. Dorothy Orlando, had the distinction of appearing on American television with the Mayor of New York and the Commissioner of Police. Mr. O'Brien who died a few years ago was a Tramore man and president of the Waterford Association in New York. When the New York papers came to interview my mother she was very proud to tell them that her son was the chairman of the Waterford Association, London. A wonderful piece of P.R. work for Waterford. Mayor Lindsey entrusted my mother with a scroll to take back to the Mayor of Waterford. Mayor Brown organised a civic reception for the handing over of the scroll.

Willie Barron and myself were either chairman or vice-chairman for quite a few years with fierce competition for the two positions and you all know that Jim Griffin was always around working his fingers to the bone for Waterford. Dick Buckley was the brains and our quiz team did very well while he was with us, we gained the dizzy heights of competing in the final one year. There was E. J. Conway who was secretary and vice-chairman at different times.

Larry Cunningham went to Sotherbys to bid for letters of Thomas Francis Magher. Joe Hefferman and his son were very active in those years. Joe, R.I.P., was also a keen quiz man.

Dick Jones came over as Deputy Mayor to lead us in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

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## **The Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Welfare Department.**

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The story of these 25 years shows how much can be achieved by marrying the tradition of voluntary effort with the public support needed to fund it, guide it and give it impetus. The driving force behind this success is the dedicated and totally unselfish work of our social workers over the years on whose initiative and energy the whole enterprise depends. The supportive element from so many understanding and generous Irish people, the consistent and sympathetic help from the London Borough of Camden, the Housing Corporation of the United Kingdom and latterly the Irish Government have made the past 25 years possible and sends us into the next quarter of a century with renewed dynamism and confidence.

Recognising the success that it undoubtedly is, the situation of our welfare department as we look ahead must be dynamic and changing. Flexibility and a willingness to try new ideas and solutions are crucial to our role. Successes often point to needs of a broader and more varied nature in many areas. I believe that this will be increasing so as people's hopes and expectations and patterns of life change. I have confidence too that given their merited support our social workers are ideally placed to react to and meet these changes.

All the achievements recorded in this annual report would not have been possible without the untiring and unselfish work of the staff of the Welfare Department, the Management of the Irish Centre and the many kind and generous supporters. To all my deepest gratitude and appreciation.

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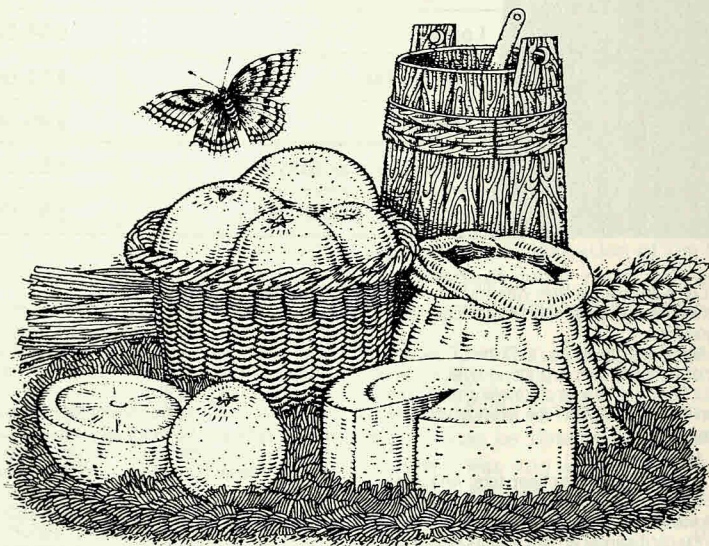
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A recent meeting of the Westmeath Association held at the Bulls Head, Clapham Old Town, London, was very well attended and it is great to see so many ladies and gentlemen who are proud to hold our County name in such esteem. Those people are prepared to give their spare time to ensure Westmeath people of all walks of life stay together, help one another, and their charity will certainly be rewarded in heaven if not on earth.

It takes something special in a person to give their spare time working for one object to cater for the social and cultural welfare of Westmeath people in London. No matter how low we feel this is the time we require as much support as possible and the two ladies and eight gentlemen who met at the Bulls Head, made it quite clear we were an Association as good as any in London today. Mr. William Stenson who presided at the meeting is also Hon. Secretary of the Association, appealed for new members, especially young Westmeath people, and urged the senior members of the Association to encourage the youth to join. He stated we had Quiz Teams, Golf Teams, Football Teams, Darts, etc., etc., and above all a Cead Mile Failte awaits them all. There are other benefits to be gained and very special discounts are available to members only on furniture, bedding, carpets, etc. There is also full advice on financial facilities such as personal loans and hire purchase and house purchase. If members are ill, we will visit them and if necessary assist them over difficult financial periods.

Those are a few of the benefits members enjoy, and must be an incentive to all Westmeath people in London. He also pointed out that every member participates in a free draw each month with B + I Shipping for a free return trip to Ireland for one car and four people.

### Congratulations

To Mr. and Mrs. Carmel Timmons of Mead Way, Bromley, Kent, on the birth of their daughter Orla Carmel. Mr. and Mrs. Timmons are great supporters of our Association and we look forward to Orla Carmel joining us in the future.

To Mrs. B. A. McCawley, Bloomfield Road, Bromley, who won third prize for her Yorkshire Terrier at Crufts Annual Dog Show this year, with her showdog "Camleys Continuation." At a recent show in Belfast this young dog won five first prizes and was awarded a Reserve Championship certificate. She bred this young dog, and another young bitch she has, was awarded a free entry to Crufts 1981 Show.

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### Chairman's Address to the Annual Congress at Slough Irish Centre 7th June, 1980.

Mr. President, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen,

May I most heartily thank each and every one of you and your respective societies for the support and encouragement you have given to me during the past year. To those of you who have welcomed me to your functions I thank you once again for your generous hospitality.

I thank my fellow officers for their encouragement and support during what was a difficult year—we were as you know one member of the team short for most of the year, the Vice-Chairman, Owen O'Neill, resigning for business reasons.

I want to thank the Chairman and Committee of this fine Irish Centre of Slough for the manner in which they have prepared for this their big day and for the excellent arrangements and organisation that has gone into today.

I have a few congratulations to extend—one in particular to Fr. Brian Lawlor on being presented with the Irish Post/Allied Irish Banks Community Award. And I feel that I ought to single out Woking Irish for the manner in which they presented us with our first Knockout Competition two weeks ago today.

I thank most heartily all our Sub-Committees for the excellent work they have done for us. The Welfare Sub-Committee who worked so very hard and did not really get the support they deserved, but then that's what welfare is all about. The Youth Sub-Committee who I am assured have not given up hope. The Travel Sub-Committee who presented an excellent if controversial document which still has not been improved upon by those who said they could do better. The Entertainment and Cultural Sub-Committee who we have seen grow since our last Congress and who have put so much time and energy into getting it off the ground.

I always feel a bit proud that people will come forward and work on such committees, very much in the background, doing all the work while people like me get all the credit what they achieve—maybe I should feel guilty.

I now wish to record my sincere appreciation of the support and the encouragement but most important of all—the acknowledgement of our role in Britain—from the following: The Irish Embassy in London, and Mr. Feehan especially.

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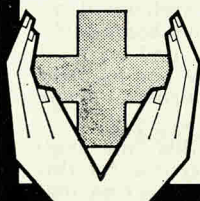
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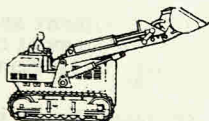
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I hope all of you who came to the Festival enjoyed the day. Once again it was a very special day, when, even the weather did not spoil it for us. During Mass Fr. Sheridan appealed to "The Boss" to send us "the sun for the day—or at least until six o'clock." It was a beautiful day until 5.30. By then I do not think anything could have spoiled the day and no one seemed very worried by the change in the weather!

I would like to say thank~~s~~ to the many members who came to our stall during the day. I have never met so many of our members before. I hope you enjoyed meeting us and I can assure you all that you made the day the most successful we have had at any Festival. Thank you for this and I hope you will now make it an annual visit from now on. I must also thank the members who came to help on the stall and the stewards who did a very good job. The entire stock of cakes, home-made bread, sandwiches, tea and other drinks on the stall were given completely free by Matt and Rose Brunton, Tom and Kathleen O'Reilly, Maura Fitzsimons, Kathleen Fitzsimons, Susan Reilly, Patsy and Kathleen Hennessy, Rita Clarke, Andy and Nancy Kane. The ladies also helped to run the stall, with the help of Charlie Clarke. The Cavan stewards for the day were: John Carlsan, Seamus Smith, Tom Fitzpatrick, Dan Leddy, Andy Kane, Tom Reilly, Patsy Hennessy and our chief steward, Terry Farrelly. Some of our stewards helped Fr. Sheridan who was in charge of the sports field. Patsy Hennessy and his family represented our Association in the Counties Parade. Patsy and his brother can be very proud of their girls, they represent Cavan very well. Jim Reilly and some of the Birmingham Cavan Association members called to see our stall and had a chat and some tea. For myself and also on your behalf I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the day so successful for us.

The highest tribute must go to the organisers of the Festival who provide such a wonderful day for the Irish Community here.

I am sure you would like to know that on the occasion of Fr. Hether-ton's 25th Anniversary of his Ordination our association was represented at the mass and reception held in Swanley on June 12th. A special presentation will be given at our Dinner Dance on November 15th.

Our congratulations also to Peter McCauley on winning the All Ireland Award for the play "Scoraiocht," produced by the North London Comhaltas. I would just like to remind you our annual dinner dance will be held in the McNamara Hall, Irish Centre, on Saturday, November 15th. Full details in the next issue.

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The Association are as usual extremely busy, as we go to press the London Irish Festival is about to be held at Roundwood Park, Willesden Green. Like all the County Associations we are working day and night preparing for the big day. We pray for fine weather, the old saying God looks after his own, and we hope he will look down on us all on on that day.

Bacon and Cabbage Supper held at the McNamara Hall on June 7th was the best ever. There was laughter and merriment throughout the night and when the time came to leave we were all reluctant to say good night to our friends and the happy atmosphere of the Irish Centre, all asking when is the next one. Andy Murphy was there with his usual party of 70 from Lewisham. Keep up the good work Andy.

I would like, on behalf of our chairman and committee to say a big thank you to the management and staff of the Centre for an excellent meal especially Jim the chef. The service they gave us was superb, they certainly helped to make our night most enjoyable.

As I mentioned in the last issue of the journal, it is the turn of West Clare Parish reunions which will be held in the new Hall, Irish Centre, Camden Town. Cross Carrigaholt, Kilkee, Doonbeg, Kilrush and Killimer on Thursday, November 13th; Cooraclare, Kilmihil, Lissycasey, Kildysart, Coolmeen and Kilmurphy McMahon on Monday, November 17th.

Father Culligan from Kilkee parish who is arranging the reunions for West Clare is also organising travel arrangements. More about this later contact any of the numbers at the top of this report.

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### **Heather Glen Mummerys for London**

The Heather Glen Ladies Mummerys from Barntown will be visiting London on the invitation of the London Wexford Association on July 5th and 6th. They will be the special guests of the Association at the next function which is a bacon and cabbage dinner and festival dance to be held on Saturday, July 5th at the Spotted Dog, Willesden High Road, N.W.10. Music by the Con Daly Four. Bar extension. Starting at 8 p.m. Tickets £4.25 from any of the above. Price to include wine.

### **Festival**

The London Irish Festival takes place on Sunday, July 6th. County Development Officer, Mr. Billy Ringwood, will be travelling to London and will be present at the county stall. The Heather Glen Mummerys will be performing on the stage at 4.20 p.m. As the County Associations play an active part in the running of the festival the committee would like as many members as possible to help. Cakes for the tea stall and donations for the bottle stall would be very useful. Also people to work on the stalls on Sunday would be much appreciated. The entire proceeds from the festival goes to the welfare of the needy amongst the Irish community in London.

### **County Social**

The County Wexford Social and Dance was very successful. Our thanks to the Duffrey Rovers Hurling and Football Club and friends for attending the function, their presence made it a memorable evening for many.

### **Get Well**

We wish a speedy recovery to Lilly Murphy who has not been well recently. And to Wally Smyth of Irish Counties Journal who is recovering from an operation.

### **Sympathy**

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Sean McGrath on the death of her father and to all members who have suffered bereavements recently.

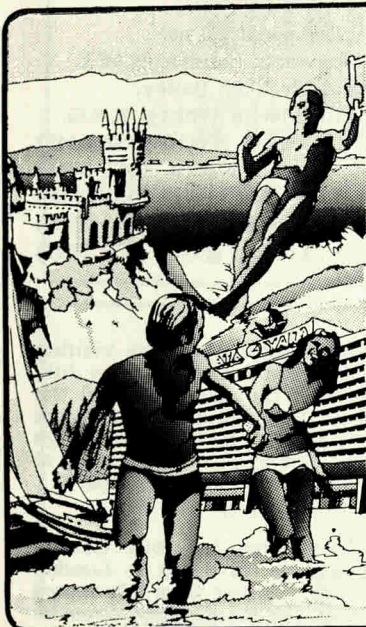
### **Holidays**

We wish all our members a very enjoyable holiday, we thank them for their support at our functions.

For tickets and further information telephone either Kitty Cullen on 01 965 6045, or Michael Sills on 01 452 3443 or Tom Murphy on 01 451 0898 or any of the above.

Breda Sills, P.R.O.





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Congratulations to Miss Bernadette Lynch on winning the London Rose of Tralee Final at the Royal Lancaster Hotel on Saturday, May 31st Bernadette will now represent London in the final of the competition in September at the Festival of Kerry in Tralee. Best of luck, Bernadette!

### **Festival of Sport**

This year's festival was an outstanding success and in all we raised the sizeable sum of £1,276 which was divided equally between the two nominated charities which were: 1. The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital at Stanmore; 2. The Harrow Branch of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Fund. Our grateful thanks to Hamilton Company (London) Ltd. for permission to use their grounds and facilities, to our advertisers and sponsors, participants, musicians, dancers, to all our helpers without whose assistance a Festival of this kind would not be feasible, last but by no means least our supporters who came along to the festival and gave so generously to these worthy charities.

Still on fund raising for charitable purposes we had a very successful dance at the Byron Hall recently. This time the beneficiary was the St. Vincent's Orthopaedic Hospital at Eastcote. On this occasion the amount raised was £808. Our thanks to Big Tom and the Travellers and also of course our friends the "Blue Diamonds" who were so generous with their services.

The proceeds of these functions were presented by our hard working Treasurer, Mrs. M. Whelan, at our early July function. Mrs. Parsons of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, Mr. McInerney of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital at Stanmore, and Mr. John Davern of the St. Vincent's Hospital fund raising committee accepted the cheques and suitably replied.

### **Ladies Gaelic Football**

Our thanks to P. G. Ryan and Tom Noonan for the interest they have shown and the time they have given in the promotion of this sport. Any young lady who would like to know more about training, etc., please contact P.G. on 427 3042 or Tom on 427 9423. Rumour has it that they have been offered managers jobs with two well known football clubs, so hurry along ladies.

### **Outing to Bournemouth**

We had a marvellous day at the seaside on Sunday, June 22nd last, in all we had four coach loads and we all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. Our thanks to the Social Committee for their splendid organisation of our day at the English seaside.

Michael O'Regan, P.R.O.



## B + I News

from Keith Cronback

### New Coach Services to/from London

New through coach services linking Tralee, Limerick, Ennis and many other parts of Ireland with London via B + I Line's Pembroke-Cork and Pembroke - Rossclare car ferry services have been introduced by National Travel (UK) and Slattery Travel of Tralee.

The coaches travel on the ferries thus providing maximum convenience for passengers. Keith Cronback said: "These new jointly operated services will make through travel much easier and more economic with departures almost every day. Passengers will benefit from the flexibility of the service coupled with the fact that they will not have to worry about handling their luggage."

Irish towns served by the new through services are: Cahir, Carrick on Suir, Charleville, Clonmel, Ennis, Killarney, Limerick, Macroom, Mallow, Mill Street, New Ross, Tipperary, Tralee, Waterford and Wexford. London is the main British destination point but National Travel also provide fast connections at an intermediate stop to many other parts of the country.

Through return fares from all towns to/from London are £36.50, £25 single (£38 return, £26 single in July and August) when travelling by the Pembroke - Rossclare route; and £40 return, £25 single (£44 and £26 single in July and August) via the Pembroke - Cork route.

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### Westmeath Association in London (continued from page 7)

#### Father Brendan McCormack

Many members of our Association were pleased to meet Father Brendan McCormack of the Divine Word Missionary Society who preached sermons throughout London and Kent and explained the great work being done by his society. Father McCormack is a native of the Historic Parish of Fore, and is wished every success for the great task and good work of his Society, he requests an occasional prayer for his Society and perhaps as you read this journal you will say one Ave Maria for his Society.

#### The Quiz

Congratulations to our Quiz Team on their win over the Waterford Association, the score was Waterford 68 points and Westmeath 70 points. The following were the team members: John McCormack, Paul Fearson, Adrian Towey, Mrs. Ann Towey, and Bill Stenson, keep up the good work.

#### Get Well

A speedy recovery to Wally Smyth who is recovering from an operation (he looked well on the night of the quiz), also to Michael Brazil, Admin. Attache at the Embassy, and to Mrs. Jim Murphy of the Wexford Association.

Sean McCauley, P.R.O.

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### Federation of Irish Societies (continued from page 9)

ship. Aer Lingus and who can mention them without mentioning Tommy Dunne. Bord Failte—I understand Chris Kane is with us this afternoon. Allied Irish Banks, Bank of Ireland, the Irish Counties Journal, the representatives of the Irish Press and the Irish Independent, and the Cork Examiner in London.

In looking at the past year and in handing out tributes, I would be failing in my duty were I not to congratulate our own Irish people at home on the splendid manner in which they welcomed Pope John Paul II and the exercise in organisation which the whole world admired.



## Roz Shaefer wins the Helena Rubinstein Silk Fashion Award 1980

By Dennise Choa

Roz Shaefer from the Harrow School of Art won the top prize of £1,000 in the first Helena Rubinstein Silk Fashion Award with her design of a white silk trouser suit and trenchcoat. The prize was presented to Roz by Her Royal Highness, The Princess Margaret after the final judging of the design competition at a spectacular fashion show on 12th May at the Inter Continental Hotel, London, in aid of the London Festival Ballet Development Fund.

Though overwhelmed by her success, Roz managed to explain her fashion philosophy, "Nowadays women like to dress up but still look casual. So to reflect this contemporary trend I aim to combine casualness with sophistication in every one of my designs."

The Helena Rubinstein Silk Fashion Award competition was opened to final year fashion students from selected colleges throughout the United Kingdom. And from over a thousand sketches submitted, ten were chosen to be made up into actual garments using white silk for the final judging. The judging panel comprised of Grace Coddington, Senior Fashion Editor of Vogue; Yuki, a leading designer; and Charles Knuchel, Managing Director of Helena Rubinstein.

The second and third prizes were won by Jette Damar and Janice Bocquillon, respectively, who are also from the Harrow School of Art. The prize for the college with entries of the highest overall standard was, however, awarded to the Royal College of Art.

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### Clare Association, London (continued from page 13)

The annual dinner, the highlight of the year for Clare men and women in London will be held at Barkers Penthouse, Kensington, on November 15th. Book early to avoid disappointment.

By the time this issue of the journal will be in circulation the holiday season will be with us once again. A happy and enjoyable holiday to you all where ever you may be, with sun and laughter all the way. We look forward to meeting you all again in the autumn.

Our first function after the holidays will be a supper dance to be held at the Irish Centre, on September 6th. Tickets and more information from Teresa Doyle (telephone number above).

### Sympathy

Our condolences to Peter Marron, Vice-Chairman of the West London Irish Society on the death of his father-in-law; to Mrs. Kever and family on the death of her husband John of the Kilkenny Association; and all who have recently suffered bereavements. R.I.P.

Our sympathy to the relatives of Neil Dockerty, R.I.P. Member of Bec Club who attended many Bacon and Cabbage Dinners. Neil died in Ireland.

Slante.

Bridie Neeves, P.R.O.

# Aer Lingus

From Tommy Dunne

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The revived interest in the shrine of Our Lady at Knock, Co. Mayo, following the Centenary Celebrations and visit by Pope John Paul II in 1979, is attracting pilgrims from many parts of the world—particularly from Britain .

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**Day 2.**—After breakfast, travel to Knock for attendance at a special mass and ceremonies which include a visit to the local museum. Afternoon visit to Ballyhaunis for shopping, or free afternoon in Knock.

**Day 3.**—After breakfast, depart for Westport to visit Westport House. Lunch in Westport, and depart in the afternoon for Ballin-tubber Abbey, returning to base for dinner.

**Day 4.**—Depart for Dublin Airport at 10 a.m. with an afternoon tour of Dublin City or afternoon free for shopping. Assembly at pre-arranged time at Busarus (Dublin Bus Centre) to transfer to Dublin Airport for flight connection.

**The cost per person** (based on a group of 40 persons with two free places).

Staying at Town/Country Home ... £118.00

Staying at Tourist class hotel ... £124.00

Outward travel can be on any day between Thursday and Saturday, and return on any day between Sunday and Tuesday.

## Weekend Travel Supplement

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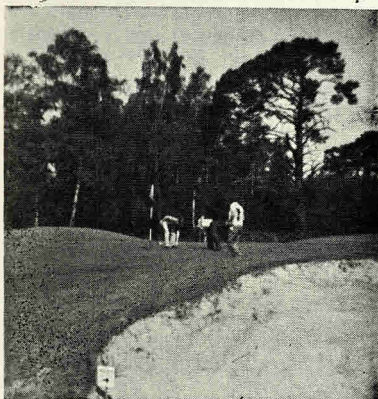
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## Irish Life, Irish Golf Championship of Gt. Britain

As I told you in the past issue that it would be, the June attraction for all Irish Associations and Societies in Great Britain was as usual the Irish Life Assurance Company sponsorship of the day's golf at Foxhills Golf and Country Club in the idyllic setting of 400 acres of beautiful English countryside. Its so rural that most of us lose our way even after five years of the championship. It is indeed difficult to realise that such lovely green acres and woodland is less than thirty miles from the heart of London.

The usual County Associations who applied early enough were there.



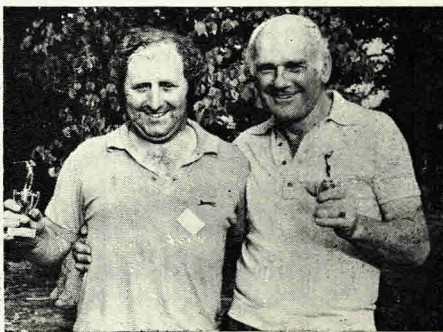
Some again missed out sorry about Louth the wee county were not represented through their own fault but I saw Cyril Davey he couldn't miss the day and was biting his nails because he was not playing.

Here I would like to thank Mr. Bob Willis with prompting from Louth Association P.R.O. and golfer Cyril Davey, who made the theme of his speech "The Irish Counties Journal." This was indeed a compliment as Irish Life has just brought out a bi-monthly themselves for the federation, all of us need a little praise from time to time and its people such as Mr. Willis who possesses a fine brain and a great humanity and understanding of us lesser mortals who boost my morale

and therefore my resolution to keep the Journal going at all costs. Over from Ireland especially as well as Mr. Bob Willis was the effervescent P.R.O., Mr. Brendan Bracken, and Mr. Michael Tierney. Irish Life spared no expense on the day so if you are thinking of any investment please reciprocate, and in any case it makes sense to do so as they are one of the best investment companies in England and Ireland.

Representing Clare in the championship were managing director of McInerney's, Mr. Tom Bugler and the charming Mr. Michael Clancy, managing director of the Clancy Group of Companies, who is also a founder member of the Clare Association, London, a man who is proud of his county and the Clare Association in particular. If all our wealthy Irish people in London belonged to their Association or District Society we would go a very long way.

Our heartiest congratulations to the Dublin Association, London, on their win, I didn't see Bill and Una Cooper there I expect they were off in the Bahamas again.



Mr. Bugler and Mr. Clancy

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### **Irish Life Irish Golf Championship** (continued from page 21)

Michael Sills was there with Wexford and if anyone could inspire them to win he would. It was nice to see for the first time at Foxhills Mr. Michael Hogan, Chairman of the Federation. Michael in his speech thanked Irish Life for their sponsorship not only of the day's golf but for their generosity in providing a by-monthly newspaper for the Federation. Michael who is a modest and dignified man can command an audience and deal with any situation occurring at a given moment.

The Irish Counties was represented by Wally and Jane Smyth, and Teresa and Johnny Franklin so we were there in force.

I did hope to have a full list of competitors but the names of the people who took part were not as the original forms so the ball is in Brian Mulhall's court to supply me the correct names for the Associations and Societies as I haven't the means to get in touch with all of you. It is a big job for Brian so perhaps he would have them ready for the next issue..

Editor.

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### **Sealink present Cheque to the Irish Centre**

Last year Sealink U.K. Ltd. presented a cheque to the Irish Centre, Camden Square, London, for their rebuilding fund as part of a scheme relating to the additional number of passengers carried by Sealink shipping services to the Republic of Ireland during 1978 over the previous year and it had been intended to continue the scheme on the same basis in 1979.

In the event, due mainly to the petrol shortage and postal strike in Ireland, fewer passengers in total travelled during 1979 by the Holyhead and Fishguard routes than in 1978. Consequently no contribution is payable under the scheme. However, Sealink decided to make a donation and Mr. David Ainsworth, Sealink's Chief Traffic Manager (Irish Services), handed over a cheque for £1,000 at the Centre to the Director, Father Cagney.

At the presentation Mr. Ainsworth said "Although our passenger business to the Republic of Ireland last year was not quite as high as in the record year of 1978, in accordance with the general trend experienced by carriers, we would like to acknowledge our association with the Irish community here through the Centre's activities."

Sealink passenger carryings on routes to the Republic of Ireland during the past three years were:—

	1977	1978	1979
Via Holyhead .....	938,798	1,100,474	1,114,345
Via Fishguard .....	322,100	427,658	402,819
Total .....	<u>1,260,898</u>	<u>1,528,132</u>	<u>1,517,164</u>

N.B.—From the Editor: Regret having to leave this over from last month owing to printers strike.

## **Waterford Association (continued from page 2)**

When I presented a coronet on your behalf to the Barrack St. Band I was delighted to be told by Mr. Smith that my grandfather's composition were still being played by the band.

All the committee of the Association attended my silver wedding anniversary. What a lovely happy family of Waterfordians

For a couple of years Jim French was vice-chairman when I was in the chair and in 1972 Jim took over as chairman. Jim always took his son with him to all our functions to boost our numbers, as I did my children.

John O'Keeffe was secretary in 1974 and became chairman in 1975 which he holds to this day. I think John has the distinction of being the longest continual chairman of our Association. John and his wife Mary have worked hard for the Waterford Association and their two lovely daughters attend all our functions. Our secretary for the past three years, Mrs. Mary Allen, and her husband Bill and family have done their utmost for us.

I would need ten Irish Counties Journals or all the News and Star and the Munster Express for all my reminiscences at least this synopsis will give people a slight idea of the hurdles we had to leap in order to reach our Silver Jubilee Year.

Wally Smyth, Life Vice-President.

## **Condolences**

Our sincere sympathy to Billy Allen on the recent sudden death in London of his cousin, Mr. Pat Hefferman, R.I.P. Our sympathy is also extended to Mr. Hefferman's family.

Condolences to Mrs. Kitty Lake née Kitty Noonan, eldest daughter of the late Eddie Noonan of Shandon, Dungarvan, whose husband, Reginald Lake died here in London. The couple spent many years living in Australia prior to Mr. Lake's illness which was long and painful. They often talked about the happy holidays they spent in Dungarvan. The following were amongst the large cortege: Mr. and Mrs. Sean Noonan and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Noonan, brothers and sisters-in-law of Mrs. Johnson (sister) and her husband John, Mr. Jim Lake, brother of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lake (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Kathleen Grist (daughter and son-in-law). Mr. Lake is also survived by a son Norman and daughter-in-law who were unable to travel from South Africa, also by several grandchildren. The Waterford Association was represented by Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin and Mr and Mrs. Pat Reddy. Many more of us would have attended but it was all over by the time we knew. Our prayers are with Mrs. Lake and masses offered.

## **Inter-County Quiz Competition**

We were knocked out of the quiz by Westmeath but only by two points—two good teams of course. It was a very sporting contest and a lovely evening was spent with our Westmeath friends at the Irish Centre. Best wishes to Westmeath Association, London, for the next round.

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## **Waterford Association (continued from page 23)**

### **Get Well.**

Best wishes to Michael Brazil, former secretary and chairman of our Association, Admin. Attache at the Embassy, who had a heart operation some short time ago. To Wally Smyth who has almost recovered from his operation, he tells me it was not worth it even to get those telephone calls from Australia, Holland, America and Ireland, and the dozens of get well telegrams, cards, and floral decorations, Wally asked me to thank through these columns the Embassy, especially Michael Brazil who paid him a visit in hospital two weeks after his own serious operation. The County Associations especially the Wexford Association, chairman Michael Sills (whose uncle is the famous Inspector Sills of Waterford), to Wexford secretary, Jim Murphy, who worried about him although he had enough of his own worries, to the Clare Association and especially Mrs. Bridie Neeves. To Johnny Franklin who helped a lot business wise. A speedy recovery also to Mrs. Lilly Murphy who underwent an operation during the past week. Lilly is the wife of Jim, secretary of the London Wexford Association and past chairman of same. When we paid a visit to Lilly in hospital she was overwhelmed by the kindness, the bouquets, and all the cards she received.

Get well wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Kennedy, 50 Cork Road, who are both in hospital having operations, one in Dublin and one in Waterford. Its a true saying one's trouble never comes alone. Two weeks previously they both looked so well and happy at one of the nicest Waterford weddings ever seen at St. John's. The wedding was that of their son Michael to Catherine O'Brien who lived 50 doors away at No. 100 Cork Road. A beautiful service took place at St. John's, the bride looked radiant in her flowing white gown and unusual veil. The bridesmaids were one sister of the bride and two sisters of the groom. The flower girls were a first cousin of the bride and the groom's niece. The reception was held at the Tower Hotel. Travelled especially from London were Mr. and Mrs. George Savage, the Smyth family, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Roche from Wales. Among the many greetings telegrams was one from the Irish Counties Journal, London, Again we wish you every happiness Michael and Catherine and a speedy recovery to Tommy and Bridget.

### **Dates for your Diary**

6th September, 1980—Dungarvon Reunion at the Irish Centre, Murray Street, Camden Square, London NW1 9XB.

23rd October—Mid-East Waterford Reunion at the same venue as above.

25th October—Our London Silver Jubilee Dinner in the Penthouse Suite, Barkers of Kensington.

See you all in Waterford on the 15th August, P.G.

Jane Smyth (Mrs.), P.R.O.



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