

# íRísh voíce

Haringey I.B.R.G.'s Community Magazine



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day event  
at hornsey  
town hall  
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The Green ink bookstall proves popular

## An Irish Night at the Library

More than 100 people enjoyed a great night of Irish entertainment at Hornsey library before Christmas. Organised by Haringey IBRG, the event was part of the Haringey library multi-cultural festival. Entertainment was provided by the Sheelas (cover picture) and the Hairy Marys and there was a large display of Irish books provided by GreenInk (see picture)

## INTERNAL EXILE ! pta renewed

More than 300 Irish people have been put into internal exile without trial or appeal in the last 12 years. That was one of the astonishing facts highlighted at the IBRG's recent lobby of Parliament against the renewal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act on February 11. Haringey IBRG members were well represented at the lobby which was attended by a number of MPs including Labour Home Affairs spokesperson Clive Soley. Under the Act anyone can be banished from England to the 6 counties simply on the say-so of the Home Secretary. The Act also allows the police to detain anyone for up to 7 days without charge. More than 6000 people have been detained and interrogated in this way, but of these less than 2% have been charged under the Act. Tens of thousands of Irish people have also been stopped and questioned at ports and air-

ports. Alan O'Dwyer of the West Midlands PTA Research and Welfare Association told the meeting that Home Office statistics on PTA detentions are lower than they should be. He reported that in 1985 alone more than 55 000 people were stopped and questioned for less than an hour at ports and airports in England and Wales. "Why has the Home Office ignored this figure?" he asked.

The original idea had been to lobby MPs before the vote on the Act's renewal, but the Government brought the debate forward to February 10th. Despite the opposition of Labour MPs, the Act was once again renewed. "The PTA is never going to be a major political issue unless Irish people increase their lobbying of MPs" Clive Soley told the meeting.

Local MPs: Sir Hugh Rossi voted FOR the renewal of the PTA, Norman Atkinson AGAINST the renewal.

## The Irish in Britain Representation Group

The IBRG was formed after the 1981 Hunger Strikes in response to a widespread feeling among the Irish in Britain that there was no effective representation of our interests in social, cultural or political matters. Since its formation the IBRG has grown rapidly to become an effective organisation pursuing the interests of the Irish Community through democratic and legitimate methods.

The IBRG's main concern is the representation of the Irish in Britain with regard to affairs in Britain, but we are also naturally concerned about events in Ireland. The IBRG is non-party political - it is not committed to any particular political philosophy whether socialist or conservative.

### Haringey IBRG

Established in 1983, the IBRG's Haringey branch has maintained an active role in the community campaigning for a fair share of resources for the Irish in the borough. Our work has included:

- ▶ Organising public meetings
- ▶ Successful social events
- ▶ Actively campaigning against anti-Irish racism e.g. the dispute with WH Smith over their sale of anti-Irish books
- ▶ Working for the abolition of the Prevention of Terrorism Act being instrumental in Haringey's own PTA conference
- ▶ Successfully campaigning for an Irish Centre in the borough

- ▶ Liaising with local libraries on the purchase of Irish books and tapes.
- ▶ Participating in London's first Irish film festival
- ▶ Working with Travellers as a member of the Haringey Travellers Support Group
- ▶ Campaigning for the rights of Irish prisoners in Britain

Members of the branch have also participated in local and GLC conferences on a wide range of subjects-homelessness, Prisoners Welfare, Unemployment and Irish Youth. Haringey IBRG employs one full - time and 2 part - time workers who research into provision for the Irish in Haringey

### How to join

Fill in this form and return it to the address below:

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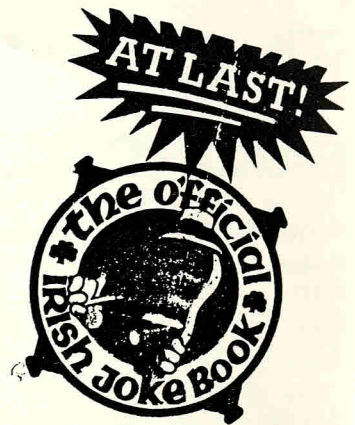
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Return to: Haringey IBRG, Hornsey Library, Haringey Park, Hornsey N8.



# Racism

## Anti-Irish jokes: Why we're not laughing...



On the radio or T.V. In your newspaper, your comic or your book. At work or school. In the pub, club or social. Wherever you go or whatever you do sooner or later you will hear the 'Irish joke'. As we know, the story is always the same. 'Thick Paddy' doing or saying something stupid or illogical.

Anyone who dares to challenge these pathetic so-called jokes is of course immediately attacked as being a fanatic and for having no sense of humour. Many Irish people in this as in other things have therefore kept their heads down and said nothing. And so the jokes continue and we are all branded as stupid. Indeed one dictionary definition of the word Irish is 'blundering and self-contradictory'.

Why should we cause a fuss about all this? There are a number of reasons. The first is a matter of pride. When have you ever heard of an English person laughing at a joke maligning his or her own race? Quite rightly, most English people wouldn't. So why should we? We are Irish and should be proud of it and nobody should get away with calling us stupid.

The second reason is even more important. It must not be forgotten that those people who wield power over jobs and

*If The Official Irish Joke Book had you in stitches, The Official Irish Joke Books 3 and 4 had you splitting your sides and positively the last Official Irish Joke Book had you howling with mirth then be prepared! AT LAST! THE OFFICIAL IRISH JOKE BOOK NO 2 is here - and it's even funnier!*

*Did you know about the Irish hammer thrower given a dope test at the Olympics? He passed.*

*Or the sad fate of the Irish poultry farmer who went broke giving away free-range eggs?*

*Did you hear about the groundsman of the shinty club who thought he'd solve the drought problem by diluting the water?*

*Or why Paddy decided to sell his passport? He was going abroad.*

*This is the classic sequel in an ever popular Irish joke series destined to provoke a wave of mickey-taking up and down the land.*

*At Last! The Official Irish Joke Book: Book 2 by Kevin Hurtrie is published on 17 March at £1.75.*

*For further information please contact Charlotte Popescu on 01 377 4686.*

Funny  
or racist?

services in this country have themselves been brought-up to think, by way of the anti-Irish joke, that Irish people are stupid. So imagine what kind of attitudes are stirred up when you start speaking with an Irish accent at a job interview or when talking to an official on the phone. How easy it is for the association to be made between you and the stereotype 'paddy' in the joke. This is indeed racism.

The third reason for opposing anti-Irish jokes is perhaps the most serious. To understand it we have to seek out the origins of anti-Irish racism right back in the twelfth century. The English king at that time was Henry II. Now Henry wanted to conquer Ireland. But Ireland in those days was famous throughout Europe as a centre of learning and civilization. The Irish were teaching in continental universities, they were founding monasteries in many countries

and manuscripts such as the Book of Kells were being revered as works of outstanding beauty. How could King Henry justify his conquest of such a civilized people? His answer was to employ a writer by the name of Giraldus Cambrensis to tour Ireland and to write a report which portrayed the Irish people as barbarian and stupid. "The Irish are indeed a most filthy and stupid race" he wrote, "A race sunk in vice" Armed with this evidence, Henry invaded and conquered Ireland.

But it didn't stop there. Throughout the next 800 years the Irish people continually fought against the British occupation. Not only was every rising crushed with brutal violence, it was also crushed with words. To undermine the resistance of the Irish people and to justify their own barbarous actions, British writers with more and more viciousness continued to portray the Irish as ignorant savages who could not run their own affairs. Anti-Irish joke books survive from as far back as 1590. In 1775 one writer made so many anti-Irish remarks in his book 'A Tour through Ireland' that his picture still survives - painted on the bottom of a chamber pot produced in Dublin!

As Irish resistance to British rule increased again in the middle of the last century, the attempts to belittle the Irish increased in ferocity. Cartoons in magazines like 'Punch' pictured Irish people as looking like monkeys. And as more and more Irish people were forced to leave Ireland because of the poverty and starvation caused by British rule, so the Irish in Britain began to bear the brunt of this racism. Punch described Irish people as "Savages" who "talked a sort of gibberish".

In this century anti-Irish racism has continued to play the same supporting role with regard to British occupation of the 6 counties. The argument is simple: 'the Irish are violent and stupid and cannot run their own affairs. Therefore we, the British, will run their affairs for them'. So the anti-Irish joke and the assumptions on which it is based bolster the British presence in Ireland. It is a political weapon that is 800 years old. Today's joke is the modern equivalent of the hostile commentary first invented by Giraldus Cambrensis and its persistent existence ensures that the relationship between Britain and Ireland, and the British and Irish peoples is one of permanent unease.

For all these reasons the joke cannot be laughed at. It cannot be ignored. It is deeply rooted in British culture and associated with it come all the fears, prejudices, guilts and feelings of racial superiority which alienate and separate countries and peoples.

For the sake of the future it must be stopped.

Anti-Irish racism has a long history: nineteenth century cartoons portrayed the Irish as monsters



THE IRISH FRANKENSTEIN.

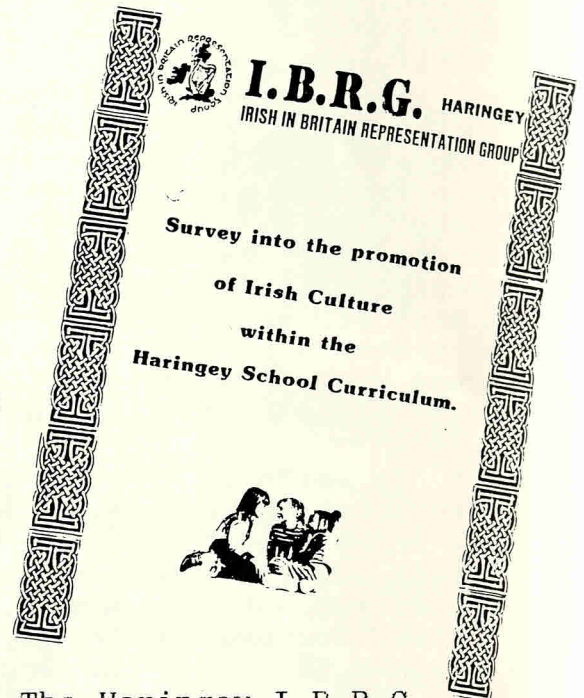
# Irish studies

## Haringey Education Committee

A report on education and the Irish community will go before the Haringey Education Committee on March 16th. Anyone who is interested in Irish Studies in the borough should try to attend.

Many of the report's recommendations are based on Haringey I.B.R.G.'s 'Survey into the Promotion of Irish Culture within the Haringey School Curriculum'.

The survey which has been highly acclaimed by Educationalists and Irish Studies activists has now been reprinted and copies are currently available from the Haringey I.B.R.G office, Hornsey Library, Haringey Park, Crouch End London N.8.  
Tel 01-348-3351 ext 3  
01-348-3354.



The Haringey I.B.R.G report report - reprint now available. FREE to callers, phone for details of postal charges.

## Irish Classes Explosion!

As you can see from the details on these pages, there has been a tremendous expansion in the number of Irish classes and activities in recent months. Here in Haringey, Irish Language, Music and Dancing classes have been set up under the auspices of the Haringey Irish Cultural and Community Centre and Haringey's Adult Education Service.

A report on the Irish dimension in Haringey education in general will be going to the borough's Education Committee on March 16th. The report will be based on the findings of Haringey IBRG's survey which has now been repeated and is available free from the Haringey IBRG office (details above). Haringey IBRG invites all those interested in developing and continuing Irish Studies, activities and initiatives, to contact the office and to attend the Education Committee meeting on March 16th.

The Irish section of the London Strategic Policy Unit are organising the second series of the 'Terence MacSwiney Memorial Lectures', on the theme of 'Irish Culture and Resistance'. It is hoped that the 1987 lectures will prove as popular and successful as last years.

Finally, the Irish Studies Centre's series of lectures on the theme of Irish migration to Britain, has now been supplemented by the establishment of an Irish Research Group.

All in all this is indeed an exciting time for Irish Studies!

(See the Irish Women page for details of women only classes)

# Irish classes for adults

We now have classes in dance, music and Irish language for adults in Haringey. The classes, which are funded by the Adult Education service, are being organised by the committee of Haringey's Irish Cultural and Community Centre. They are being held at Somerset Upper School until the new Irish Centre in Pretoria Rd. opens later this year.

On a Tuesday night there is a set dancing class for adults which is proving very popular with all ages and the class is organising ceilis to practice its new-found talents. A class in the Irish language for beginners started on February 19th. The emphasis is on learning the language through spoken exercises and no previous knowledge is presumed, so it is suitable for both those who want to brush up on their rusty school-learned Irish and those who want to start from scratch. On Tuesday March 3 a class in traditional Irish music for beginners started. The course will be taught by Elaine Jeffries of the all-woman ceili band, the Sheelaghs and it will be starting out with the tin whistle, though the class will also cater for those starting on other traditional instruments.

Classes run from 7.30 till 9.30pm, except for ceili dancing which starts at 8.00. The Irish language classes are free, and the adult dance and music classes are charged at reduced adult education rates with big concessions if you are unemployed, on supplementary benefit or a pensioner. There are also children's dance classes at the same venue taught by Maire Clerkin. These take place on a Monday night and start at 6.30.

We hope that these classes are just a beginning and that when the Irish Centre opens we will have an expanded programme of classes for all the family.

So why not come along and be in at the start of the great Irish cultural revival in Haringey!

For further information on classes ring Kate Bruder on 348 3354 ext.3.

## For your Diary

MONDAY 6.30 Children's Irish dancing

TUESDAY 8.00 Adult set dancing  
7.30 Adult Music (Beginners)

THURSDAY 7.30 Irish language  
for adult beginners.

ALL HELD AT SOMERSET UPPER SCHOOL,  
WHITE HART LANE N17

**Irish**  
studies centre

The Polytechnic  
of North London

Holloway Road  
London  
N7 8DB  
Telephone 01-607 2789  
Telex 25228 PNLG

contact  
Mary Hickman or  
Alan Clinton



the Irish centre

52 CAMDEN SQUARE, LONDON NW1 9XB  
TELEPHONE: 01-465 0051/52  
REG. CHARITY NO. 83112

Classes at the Irish centre:  
Crean school of Irish dancing for  
children-Tuesday evening  
Uilleann Pipers club-beginners on  
thursday evening 7.00-8.00, advanced  
also thursday, 8.00-10.00.  
Irish language-Friday evenings(adults)  
or Saturday morning at 10.00(Children)

For more information ring the Centre on 465 0051

# election

## all change?

By lunchtime, Friday, February 20th, 1987, it had become clear that Charles Haughey's Fianna Fail Party had won the Irish General election. The result had been predicted, proven, queried, disbelieved dismantled and reconstructed many times in the numerous polls taken before the elections. During the campaign the same old tired lies, promises and obsessions that pass for political thought were trotted out, for the benefit of those who had not yet fallen victim to the emigrants' disease of political laryngitis.. The 'quality' British press, while alluding albeit on a lesser scale to Mr Haughey's 'wheeler-dealer' image and foregoing the opportunity to describe him as 'The Enemy', seemed more concerned with Ireland's Proportional representation system than any of the major political issues of PAYE, emigration (strangely ignored by all the major parties), unemployment, the welfare state, and the stagnation of economic growth despite massive foreign borrowing.

This British obsession is perhaps due to the fact that Britain is one of the few western countries not to endorse P.R., possibly due to the threat it would pose to the political powerbases built into the British class system.

Perhaps the most startling statistic to come out of the election was the 76.2% of voters who turned out, given the nature of the major political contestants i.e old, right wing and with nothing new to offer. They voted in the following way:-

	% of vote	Seats in Dail
Fianna Fail	44	81
Fine Gael	27.1	51
Progressive Democrats	11.8	14
Labour	6.5	12
Workers Party	3.7	4
Independents	4.8	4
Sinn Fein	1.9	0

Fianna Fail required 84 seats to obtain a majority in the 166 seat Dail. In failing to achieve this they will now be looking to the Independents' support to maintain a viable government. Such support may not come without strings attached. Independents Neil Blaney (expelled from F.F in 1971) and Tony Gregory (former Official Sinn Fein and Irish Republican Socialist Party member), are both opposed to the Anglo-Irish agreement. Mr Haughey himself appears ambivalent on the subject, although according to campaign posters Fianna Fail are 'The Republican Party'. So perhaps there is some hope for the Nationalist community in the occupied Northern Counties, although political ambivalence has been a forte of Irish politicians, for long enough particularly where the North of Ireland is concerned.



The biggest losers in the election? Fine Gael, who propped up for so long by Labour (too long some might argue) seem to have been deemed the culprits of the Coalition's failure, their share of the vote dropping to a 1930's level. Labour meanwhile kept their presence in the Dail mainly due to tenacious campaigning by individuals like Dick Spring who won by 4 votes after a recount. The new, flashy Progressive Democrats will probably be a little disappointed in their showing, even more so following Fine Gael's disaster which rules out the effectiveness of a FG/PD united opposition. The Workers Party doubled their number of seats and will doubtless be very happy about their showing against Labour, especially in Dublin.

Sinn Fein, gaining 1.9% of the vote, did not get any share in the Dail representational stakes, however the game was new and no doubt they will find a way to ask Mr. Haughey about the disgraceful Section 31 legislation, itself an enormous handicap to any political party and an offense against civil liberties.

What does all this mean for the Irish in Britain?

Well, as nearly all the political contenders neatly avoided the emigration issue, we can all be assured that our numbers will not decrease in the foreseeable future. On prisoners and civil liberties? A leading figure in the Fianna Fail organisation once told an I.B.R.G. delegation to Dublin that we appeared to imagine that all Irish people arrested in Britain were innocent! So don't expect any miracles but it's goodbye to that charming educated Dr. Fitzgerald (who incidentally, was awarded an honorary degree by Keele University last year, the same Keele University that was unable to fund a proposed Irish Studies degree course!) and hello to that 'wild broth of a boy' (The Independent) Mr. Charles Haughey.



## 'IRISH DISSENT'

Music, Art, Literature, Politics and the Craic  
**FOURTH ISSUE OUT**

Articles include —

- ★ "The Birmingham Six" and "The Guildford Four"
- ★ Kilburn's "Tricycle Theatre"
- ★ The London Irish Women's Centre
- ★ Interview with pop group Microdisney

On sale in London in Irish music and paper shops or by post from:

**Michael Devereux,  
 65 Wood Lane, London NW9 7PB**

(Cheques, postal orders for 50p + 40p p & p made payable to The Development of Irish Youth)

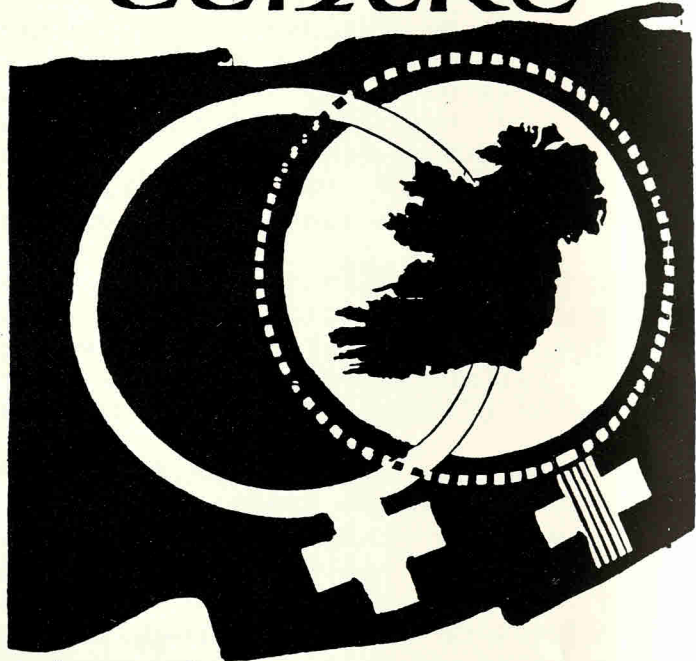
# Irish women

## Irish Women Meet

The 3rd London Irish Women's conference took place on 14 February at the Albany Empire, Deptford. Over 300 women attended and the theme was 'Irish Women-our lives our identity'. Jean Cross, opening the conference, explained that this was chosen to combat the stereotyped image that Irish women were given, both inside and outside our community. Workshops in the afternoon explored this theme further, opening up the identity of Irish women to include women born in Britain, lesbian as well as heterosexual, women with or without children.

The wide range of speakers from many Irish Women's groups who contributed to the conference showed that Irish women were increasingly becoming organised and had an important voice. They described groups for Irish girls and for Irish pensioners, Camogie clubs and Irish women artists and writers groups. One speaker described how lesbians were rejected by the Irish community to the extent that the Irish Post would not publicise their meetings. Women are involved in campaigns for Irish Prisoners, for the education of Irish children, and in setting up Glor Gael (a proposed Irish community radio station). A speaker from the Defend the Clinics campaign in Dublin outlined the large and increasing number of Irish women coming to Britain for abortions with no opportunity to receive non-directive counselling at home since a recent court ruling which banned such counselling. An Abortion Support Group in London helps such women decide whether they really want an abortion. Speakers from Ireland also included the Dunnes Store Strikers, still on strike after 2 years because they refuse to handle South African goods, and speakers from the Falls Rd. Women's Centre and Belfast's Rape Crisis Centre. Resolutions passed by the Conference condemned Strip-Searching, called for the repatriation of Irish prisoners in Britain and deplored the closure of abortion Counselling services in Ireland. For details contact the London Irish Women's Centre (249 7318)

## London Irish women's Centre



**classes in:**  
Irish language,  
music, dancing, history  
welfare advice and information,  
céilís, and other cultural events

59 STOKE NEWINGTON CHURCH STREET, LONDON N16.  
TELEPHONE: 249 7318

### International Women's Day

A celebration to be held  
AT Chat's Palace, 42-44 Brookbys  
Walk, E9.

ON Friday 13 March, 8.00pm.  
WITH The Sheelas, Meabh McKeown,  
The Hairy Marys.

All women welcome. Creche bookable  
7 days in advance. Disable access.  
For details phone 249 7318.

### The Irish Women in Islington Group

The Irish Women in Islington Group run women's classes in Keep-fit, Swimming, women in Irish literature, and painting and drawing. Low fees, free creches and materials. Contact the group at 25 Horsell Rd. N5 1XL or ring Olga or Sabina on 609 8916.

# Poets CORNER

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The Night of Monday October 20th 1986, ( A Political Debate ? )..

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O', come all you true born Irish folk who live in Haringey,  
I hope you'll pay attention to these words I'm going to say.  
I'll tell you of a battle happening in our community,  
between the Labour councillors and those with no policy.

'Twas in Wood Green Civic Centre, to the North of Haringey,  
where Murphy challenged the Policy on representation for the Gays,  
'I speak for all normal, decent folk, parent rights I will defend,  
although of course, my discourse has no political end  
Here are the Parents Rights Group, whose words you now will hear,  
on how to keep kids normal, and terrified of 'queers' .''

In then marched the Parents Group with double edged concentration,  
'Gay Rights and freedom of choice are but a blight on education.  
'We abhor the Council's ideas on this gay educational distortion,  
and we write to the papers everyday to keep it out of proportion.'

The delivering of these sentiments, caused the whole place to erupt.  
The crowd were after Murphy's hide, and at him an egg was chucked.  
The egg just missed Murphy, but landed on his chair,  
causing Murphy in great anger to throw his cushion at the Mayor.  
Murphy's missile missed the Mayor, but for him his aim was true,  
striking down a young black woman who opposed his point of view.

A split seconds silence followed as the victim lay there dazed,  
as all witnesses to such behaviour one and all were sore amazed.  
Then upspoke a Labour man, who to Murphy's action alluded,  
and in disgrace, with egg on his face, Murphy was excluded.

A small, shrill, Irish woman, took up the Tories cry.  
These people she said, 'tis plain to see, are not the the same as I.  
There can be no place for them in educational consultation,  
as the fury gathered around her she continued her allegations.

The Labour side retorted 'keep things in proportion ,  
'tis solely for political gain that you seek to spread distortion.  
Your rhetoric is murderous and your arguments are synthetic...'  
Sweet Mrs Salim then threw sugar at Labour's leading diabetic.

Such an action from a councillor is very hard to believe,  
and following a vote and disgraced Mrs Salim was asked to leave.  
Refusing to comply, Mrs Salim sat sulking in her chair,  
despite the repeated requests to leave coming from the mayor.  
Mrs Salim said leaving would place her life in danger,  
from the angry crowds outside who would surely re\*\*\*\*\* her.  
( In fact they merely wanted to establish a meaningful and active,  
polemical dialogue with her).

The point of such a story is very plain to see.  
We have no animal circuses, thanks to council policy.  
But if you live in Haringey, there's an alternative proposition,  
just go to Wood Green Civic Centre and watch the Tories in opposition.  
( BUT PLEASE DON'T FEED THEM EGGS OR SUGAR! )

# meetings

Haringey Irish Association will be holding meetings for members only on the following dates: Sunday 22 March, Sunday 14 June, Sunday 20 September and Sunday 8 November. The November meeting will be the AGM. All meetings will be held at Haringey Irish Community Care Centre, 72 Stroud Green Rd., N4. For further details contact the secretary, Bill Aulsberry, 2a Brabant Rd. N22.

Haringey IBRC meet every two weeks on a Tuesday evening in the Tottenham Community Project, 628 Tottenham High Rd. N17. the next meeting is on 10 March - all welcome! For further details phone Haringey IBRC on 348 3354 extension 3.

Haringey Council Education Cttee. will be considering a report on the provision of education for the Irish Community on Monday 16 March. The meeting will be held in the Civic Centre Wood Green and will begin at 7.30.

The Irish in Islington Project hold regular events and operate an advice service for people in Islington. For details ring the Project on 281 3225.

Haringey Labour Party Irish Section meet regularly and exist to promote Irish interests within the Labour Party.

The Guildford 4 Campaign continues and support for it is now more important than ever. Although the case of the Birmingham 6 is to be reviewed, there has been no such progress with the Guildford 4 who remain in prison for a crime they did not commit. For details of the Campaign's latest activities write to BM Box 6944, London WC1N 3XX.

The London-Armagh Women's Group will be sending a delegation to Ireland as part of the 1987 International Women's Day activities. For more information about the delegation and the group contact Marian Lanagy c/o 52-54 Featherstone St. EC1.

The Stop Strip Searches Campaign meets regularly at the Women's Centre, Cromer St., King's Cross. For further details contact Liz Tully c/o 52-54 Featherstone St. EC1.

The Connolly Association are holding a lecture on the theme of 'Labour in Irish History' on March 29. The speaker is Peter Berresford-Ellis and the lecture is at 6.30 in the Marchmont Street Centre, WC1 (Russell Square). The Connolly Association also plan to hold a conference at the same venue on 'The Irish and the Construction Industry'. On June 6 they have also booked the Conway Hall for a national conference on 'The Irish question and the Labour Movement'. For more details contact the Association at 244-246 Grays Inn Road WC1.

The Irish in Britain History Group hold meetings in the Camden Irish Centre on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30. For details ring 624 7438.

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\*To list your meetings FREE ring us on 348 3354 ext.3 \*  
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# THE PREVENTION OF TERRORISM ACT AND THE IRISH COMMUNITY

MONDAY MARCH 16

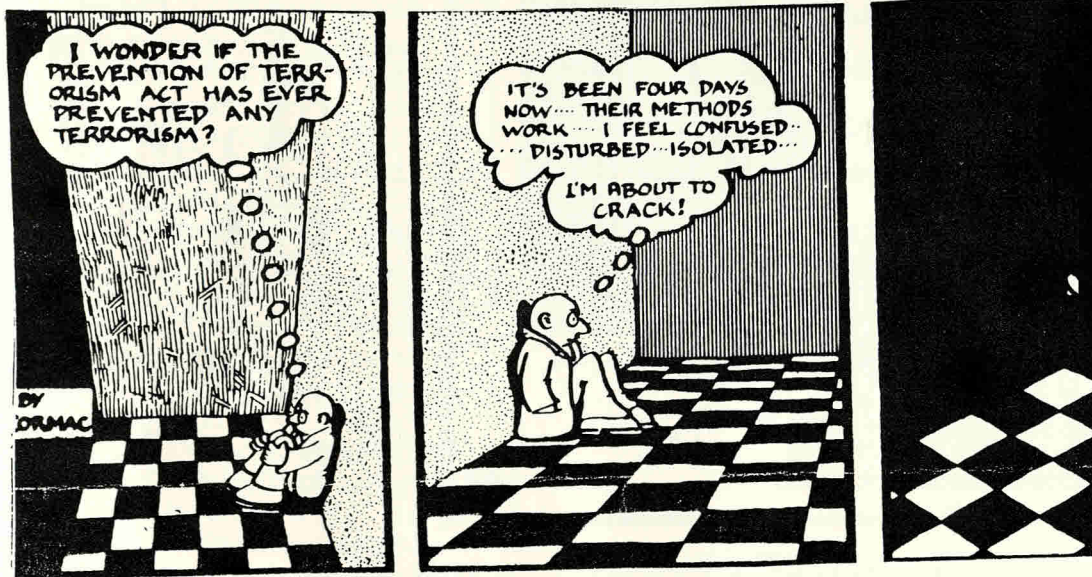
CIVIC CENTRE WOOD GREEN

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Videos : SUSPECT COMMUNITY  
IRELAND AND SURVEILLANCE

WORKSHOPS : Women and the PTA  
The PTA and the Black Community  
Campaigning within the Community  
The Effect of the PTA on the Irish Community

CRECHE AVAILABLE



Organised by the Police Monitoring and Research Group and Race  
Equality Group of the London Strategic Policy Unit in conjunction  
with Haringey Police Research Unit and Hackney Police Committee  
Support Unit. To reserve a place at the workshop : Ring Lesley  
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# what's on



## FÉILE AN EARRAIGH

An Irish Celebration

Featuring a selection of the following artists:

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• Don Carroll • Glendowan Ceili Dancers •  
The Hairy Margs • The sheelas • The McCarthys  
at + more!

- ✠ HARINGEY 6 MARCH
- ✠ TOTTENHAM TOWN HALL
- ✠ ISLINGTON 5 MARCH
- ✠ THE SIR GEORGE ROBEBY
- ✠ CAMDEN 1 MARCH
- ✠ THE SHAW THEATRE
- ✠ HACKNEY 12 MARCH
- ✠ SHOREDITCH TOWN HALL

**LONDON  
AGAINST  
RACISM**



For further information, please contact Alex Ali, Director,  
Mickleson House, 20 Vauxhall Bridge Road,  
London SW1V 2SA

TELEPHONE: 6333657

\*The Haringey Irish Cultural & Community Centre Committee are holding a St. Patrick's Social on March 17 in Hornsey Town Hall. Music is by the Liffeymen. £1 admission (£1 concessions) Late bar. All welcome.

\*Waltham Forest Irish Project are holding an open day on Tuesday March 3 at Greater London House, 547 Leytonstone High Rd. E11. There will be music, food, books & drink and the show starts at 5.00pm. All welcome. For details ring 539 2257.

\*The Camden Irish Centre are holding a Ceili and dance on St. Patrick's night. For more details phone the Centre on: 485-0051.

\*The 1987 Irish book fair takes place at the Camden Centre, (NOT the Irish centre) Bidborough St. NW1 on Friday & Saturday March 13 & 14. The fair has been organised by Green Ink bookshop workers Madeleine Peskett and Geoff Bell with help from the Irish workers at the London Strategic Policy Unit. Ken Livingstone will be opening the festival at 12.00 noon on Friday 13th. Apart from books, the fair will feature theatre videos, food and a bar. And admission is free. For more details ring Green Ink Bookshop on 263

\*The Air Gallery at 6-8 Rosebery Av. ECl is running an Irish exhibition until March 15. For details ring the gallery on 278 7751.

\*The play "No Blacks, No Irish" by Gabriel Gbadamosi can be seen at the Etcetera theatre, Oxford Arms, 265 Camden High Street, NW1 on Saturday 21 March, 28 March and 4 April at 9.45pm. Tickets £3.50 (£2 concessions). Phone the Box Office 622.6409.

\*The play "Lovers Winners" by Brian Friel, one of Ireland's leading playwrights, is on at the Duke of Wellington Theatre, 119 Balls Pond Rd. N1 nightly at 7.30pm from 14-18 March. Tickets £2.50 (£1.50 concessions) Phone the Box Office on 249 3729.

# HEARTS AND MINDS

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You are warmly invited to the launch of a photographic exhibition which captures the atmosphere of Irish culture in London.

The exhibition has been produced by the London Strategic Policy Unit, Recreation and Arts Group in conjunction with Trócaire Photographers

**THURSDAY  
MARCH 5  
6:30 - 9PM**

Irish Centre  
Kennedy Hall  
52 Camden Square  
London NW1

There will be light refreshments and live music by the Sheelas and the London Pipers Club.



For further details phone Clubs Keatings on 633-2961.

# TERENCE MAC SWINEY MEMORIAL LECTURES

Mall Galleries

17 Carlton House Terrace  
London SW1Y 5BD

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25 February - 25 March 1987

## IRISH CULTURE AND RESISTANCE

Many aspects of Irish history are misunderstood in Britain. A range of misconceptions affect Anglo-Irish relations. The LSPU, in keeping with its policy on improving understanding and good relations between all Londoners, is presenting the Terence Mac Swiney Memorial Lectures - a series of lectures in commemoration of the Lord Mayor of Cork who died in Brixton prison in 1920 after 74 days on hunger strike.

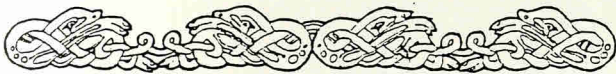
The history of the Irish people has been for the last 800 years, one of resistance. Successive outside influences and powers have tried to dominate Ireland. The focal point of Irish resistance throughout this experience has been culture. Indeed culture was often the only thing the people of Ireland could truly say they possessed. And yet

Irish culture has changed, accommodating new ideas and rejecting others.

A people's culture reflects the soul of a nation and Ireland's culture has remained strong throughout a long and turbulent history. In the past, and again in recent years, their culture has provided the Irish with a strength in adversity and a means of asserting a positive identity.

Five prominent academics and authors will examine Irish culture and resistance and Ireland's relationship with Britain. Each lecture will begin at 7.30pm on the following dates:

25 February • 4 March • 11 March • 18 March • 25 March



## WALTHAM FOREST IRISH PROJECT

GREATER LONDON HOUSE  
547 LEYTONSTONE HIGH ST  
LEYTONSTONE E11  
536-4677 / 539-2257

**open day  
march 3**

## IRISH PENSIONER ACTION GROUP

will be holding tea-dances

AT: The Camden Irish centre, Murray St. NW1

ON: 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 6<sup>th</sup> MAY, 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2-5pm

ALL OVER SO WELCOME



Traolach MacSuihbhne

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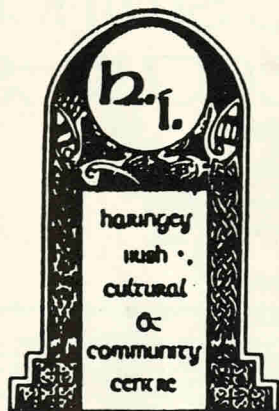
Newham & District Friends of Ireland

## CAIRDE NA nGAEL IRISH WEEK

All events to be held at The Tom Allin Centre  
Grove Crescent Rd., Stratford E15 (SS5 7289)

- 17 March-7.00 till late SOCIAL with Carrig. £2.50 (£1 concessions)
- 18 March-'No Blacks No Irish' 2pm & 8pm. FREE.
- 19 March-2.00 Irish Dance Workshop. 8.00 Film Night.
- 20 March-5.00pm Pensioners Party 8.00 Cabaret night featuring Don Carrol and the Hairy Marys
- 21 March-10.00-5.00 Feis 9.00 Rock evening with Poor Mouth & The Doonicans.
- 22 March-Afternoon Kids Party.

# what's on



## st patrick's night social

with

### THE LIFFEYMEN

Tuesday March 17, Hornsey Town Hall, Crouch End N8  
licensed bar. Admission £2 (Unwaged £1, OAPs 50p)  
8.00 - 1.00am



## FÉILE AN ÉARRAIGH

**HARINGEY COUNCIL**

### "A Celebration of Irish Culture"

Tottenham Municipal Hall  
Town Hall Approach Road, Tottenham, N.15

**FRIDAY 6th MARCH 1987**

7.30pm - 12.00 Midnight

Admission £2.00

£1.00 UB40, Students, Senior Citizens

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