

BAIS BULLETIN - May 1992



FINDING COMMON GROUND: A group of pupils from schools in Limerick and Belfast the other day joined with others from schools in the Coventry area for a visit to Coventry Cathedral. The occasion coincided with a tripartite conference on the theme of Changing Relationships in Europe, involving 66 sixth-form students and organised by the British Association of Irish Studies at the University of Warwick

The idea of this pilot initiative was to allow students from Britain and both sides of the Irish border the opportunity to relate to their peers from a variety of backgrounds in both structured and less formal situations, a process calculated above all

else to foster friendship.

The conference was supported by the British and Irish governments, by the Ireland Fund and by Aer Lingus.

BRENDAN FARRELL was on hand to picture Sean Hutton of the British Association for Irish Studies, centre, with the Rev. Paul Oestreicher, director of the International Ministry, immediately to his right, and some of the teachers who accompanied the pupils, from left: Andrea Galloway, Joy Gammon, Margaret Sedgewick and Jamie Thin, all from Coventry; Alex McFarland of Rathmore in Belfast; Olive Burke from Limerick; and Maura Ni Riain from Tipperary.

IRISH POST

Dear Member,

With this post you will receive your copy of the new twice-yearly BAIS magazine - Irish Studies Review. It incorporates the BAIS Newsletter. The editors have put a great deal of time and energy into the production of a lively magazine, and they will welcome your comments on this issue and your suggestions for future issues. Please let them have your views on these matters.

You will also receive the current issue of the Irish Literary Supplement and the Report of the Eighth National Conference on Irish Dimensions in British Education.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Association's membership year runs from 1 July to 30 June. Some members renew so late each year that their confusion as to the year for which they have renewed is understandable. Late renewals increase the work of the central office and the costs of the Association. A renewal of membership form will be sent to members in late June and we would ask you to renew promptly.

Only those in current membership of the Association will be entitled to stand for election to the Executive later this year, or to vote for candidates in that election.

Those members who have not yet renewed for 1991/92 are requested to now do so. In the case of those members a reminder/renewal form is included with this post.

REFERENDUM OF MEMBERSHIP

Under the Constitution of the Association, amendments must be put to a referendum of the membership. At the 1991 AGM an amendment was adopted to meet the new situation concerning the Irish Studies Review. A ballot form appears on the final page of this newsletter, setting out the text of the amendment.

COURSES/LECTURES

Public lecture by Gearóid ó Tuathaigh - "The Irish Famine - its significance assessed", at Arus na nGael, Salusbury Road, London NW6 (nearest Underground station, Queens Park), on 3 June 1992 at 8.00 p.m. (Admission: £1, concessions 50p)

The University of Manchester has again offered an Irish Studies Course this year, running from 13 May to 10 June. Subjects include The Irish in Manchester, The Anglo-Irish Perception from Kathleen to Juno, The Gaelic Literary Revival. A key role in this development has been played by Emrys Evans, whose Irish language and Irish Studies brief extends as well to Aberystwyth and Liverpool.

Irish Studies at Waltham Forest College: The College is again providing an Irish Studies Course this year. It began on 20 May and runs for six weeks under the general title "Identities and Directions". This is a short introductory course exploring

aspects of contemporary arts, women, modern literature, migrations etc. Frank Mellon is the contact, on 081-527 2311 ext 4238.

SUMMER SCHOOLS AND EVENTS

The Hopkins Society - 5th International Summer School at Monasterevin, Thursday 2 July - Sunday 5 July. Events will include lectures, poetry readings, concerts, workshops and the launching of the Hopkins Annual. Further details: Tel 010-353-45-25601/21715 Fax 010-353-45-25244.

Synge Summer School J.M. Synge and the Irish Theatre, at Rathdrum, Co Wicklow, 21-27 June 1992. Themes: the works of Synge, Irish theatre from the eighteenth century to the present; events: poetry reading, exhibition of photographs, tours of Synge country, seminars, workshops and visits to the theatre. Details: Mrs Irene Parsons (School Secretary), Whaley Lodge, Ballinclash, Rathdrum, Co Wicklow, tel 010-353-4004-46131.

The Jonathan Swift Seminar, Celbridge Abbey, Celbridge Co. Kildare, and Marsh's Library, 26-28 June. The focal point this year will be Swift's Irish world and experience. Details: Brother Aloysius Shannon, tel 010-353-1-6288161/6288350 fax 010-353-1-6273614.

Merriman Summer School, Lisdoonvarna, Co Clare, 16-23 August. Theme: "Moladh na Gaeilge - Something to Celebrate: The Irish Language". Speakers include Máire Mac an tSaoi, Gearóid ó Tuathaigh, Seán ó Tuama - a bilingual conference. Irish language, set-dance classes, informal singing sessions also! Detailed programme now available. Details: Máire Ní Mhurchú, Rúnaí (Secretary) Chumann Merriman, 6 Cúirt Aravon Bré, Co Chill Mhantáin, tel 010-353-1-2869305 /2863587

PUBLICATIONS

THE CENTER FOR MIGRATION STUDIES, 209 Flagg Place, Staten Island, N.Y. 10304-1199, has just produced a list of its publications for 1991-92 on subjects relating to migration of peoples. The publications mostly refer to the United States.

IRISH HISTORICAL STUDIES - members will notice from the flier included with this post that a very attractive offer is currently available to new subscribers to.

THE IRISH JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY is the new annual publication of the Sociological Association of Ireland. Subjects include Kerry farmers and the EC, university entrants, emigration among Irish accountants, sociology of education in Ireland. Cost IR£10 to non-members of the Association, free to members. Apply to the Editors, Irish Journal of Sociology, Department of Social Studies, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co Kildare, tel 010-353-1-6285222 fax 010-353-1-6289373.

BORD FAILTE, THE IRISH TOURIST BOARD have just published two new guides to Ireland: Historic Houses, Castles and Gardens, and Gardens of Ireland. Copies from: Bord Fáilte Éireann/Irish

Tourist Board, 150-151 New Bond St, London W1Y 0AQ, tel 071-493 3201, fax 071 493 9065.

L'IRLANDE POLITIQUE ET SOCIALE/IRELAND: POLITICS AND SOCIETY

No 4, published by the Centre for Irish Studies of Paris, Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle. This deals with 1992 and the economic challenge for Ireland, the Irish constitution and the ratification of the Single European Act, nuclear policy, emigration and other topics. A bilingual publication. Price 90FF.

THE CONFLICT IN NORTHERN IRELAND by Paul Brennan, published by Longman France, 96 Boulevard Saint Michel, 75005 Paris, tel 1-43 29 07 41, fax 1-46 34 24 50 Paris.

THE IRISH LITERARY TRADITION by J. E. Caerwyn Williams and Patrick K. Ford published by the University of Wales Press. Price: £10.95 paperback, £19.95 hardback. This book provides a history of Gaelic literature from 432 AD to the twentieth century. (It is an updated English language edition of Professor Williams' book in Welsh first published in 1958).

AMENDMENT TO THE BAIS CONSTITUTION

The following amendment has been adopted by the BAIS Executive. Under the terms of the BAIS Constitution, you are now invited to vote for or against this amendment, by placing an x in the appropriate box on this ballot form:

"In paragraph 4.3 of the Constitution, delete "Editor of the Newsletter of the Association" and substitute "Editor of "Irish Studies Review: The Magazine of the British Association for Irish Studies", or of any publication produced by or on behalf of the BAIS, or a representative of any editorial board or subcommittee responsible for producing such a publication"."

Paragraph 4.3 at present reads: "The Executive Committee shall include the Officers...together with the Editor of the Newsletter of the Association, eight other elected members and two representatives from each of the duly constituted advisory subcommittees of the Association."

I support the amendment of the BAIS Constitution as set out above []

I oppose the amendment of the BAIS Constitution as set out above []

Signed: _____

Name (Block Capitals): _____

Please return this ballot to: The Executive Director, British Association for Irish Studies, 3/11 Docklands Enterprise Centre, 11 Marshalsea Road, London SE1 1EP by 19 June 1992.