



Affiliated to C.I.C.A., (London)

47th Annual Dinner Dance

7th February 2009

at

The London Irish Centre

(McNamara Suite)

Faillte, Miuntuire Uibh Fhaili

Our Coat of Arms

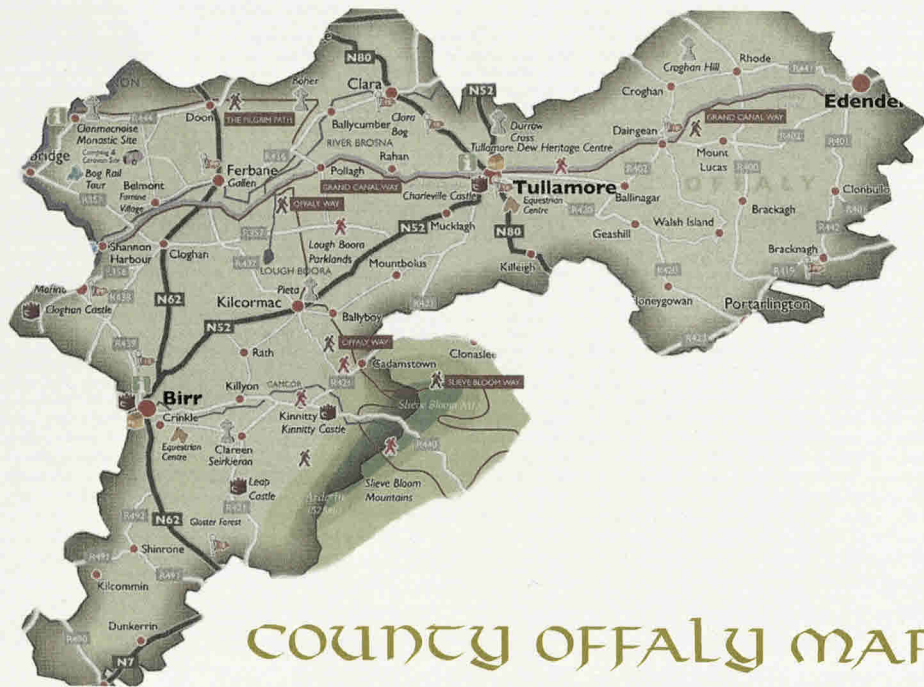
The Principle Tincture or colours used.... Green, White & Gold...

Are the sporting colours of the country,

The Gold Lion symbolises the Uí Fáilghe The Laiginian people after whom the country is named, --- This traditional symbol of the Uí Fáilghe has been maintained in the Coat of Arms of the

O'Connor family of Offaly, -- The Cross upheld by the Lion is reproduced from the book of Durrow now in the Library of Trinity College Dublin.

- The point in base sable is intended to represent The Bogland, of the County, with a sprig of Andromeda Polifolia (Bog of Rosemary) as an appropriate County Flower.



Chairman s Message

It gives me great pleasure, as Chairman of The Offaly Association (London) affiliated to The Council of Irish County Associations (London) to welcome you to our 47th Annual Dinner Dance.

It gives us great pleasure to welcome a very special guest tonight, in, Mr. Brian Cowen, our Taoiseach, accompanied by his wife Mary. Brian is of course a Clara Native and has attended many of our previous functions, in his other Ministerial jobs, - I believe he is the first Taoiseach to attend any function regarding the County & The London Irish Centre, so we are proud of that as Offaly people and hopefully this trend will continue.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous sponsors - without whom this night would not be possible. Sincere thanks also go to Terry McEnaney, Banqueting Manager at the London Irish Centre, M & P Masterson our caterer this evening and to Pat & Mustang for providing this evening's entertainment.

The Offaly Association (London) is a fantastic forum for people from Offaly based in London to keep in contact with one another. The Association looks after the welfare of Offaly people based in and around the capital and play an active role in organising the St. Patrick's Day Parade in London each year, Master Offaly Banner as well as making an annual contribution to the training funds for both Offaly hurling and football teams.

Last but by no means least, I would like to thank you for your generous support this evening and I hope to see you all on many occasions in 2009.

Go Raibh mile mhaith go leir.

Denis Connolly

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Chairman

Offaly Association (London)



(LONDON)

Association Officers 2009

The Officers

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Guest of Honour

Mr. Barry Cowen

Mr. Peter Hammond

Chairman, Offaly Co. Council

Director, London Irish Centre

Most Welcome Guests

Cllr. Sean Doorley

Rev. Canon Patrick Browne

Rev. Seamus Hetherton

Shane Lowery

Derdie Molloy

Rosemary Egan & Family

Donal Bridge

Rosin Siobhane

Brendan & Carmel Ward

Brigid Shaw

Mary Allen

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Chairman

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Order of Events

Grace

Recited by: Cannon Patrick Brown

Toast to Ireland

Proposed by: Frank Ward, President

Toast to our Guests

Proposed by: Noel Gleeson (Committee)

Response by: Barry Cowen, Chairman, Offaly Co. Council

Followed by: Peter Hammond, Director, London Irish Centre

Menu

Cream of Root Vegetable Soup
Roll and Butter



Roast Sirloin of Beef
with Brandy and Pepper Sauce
Boulangere and Roast Potatoes
Cauliflower Florets, Carrots and Mange Tout

Vegetarian Option Available - On Request

Salmon Option Available - On Request



Sherry Trifle
or Fresh Fruit Salad with Cream



Basket of various Cheeses and Biscuits



Coffee & Elizabeth Mints

Sponsors

The Association would like to express their gratitude to the following for their sponsorship of this evening's Dinner Dance:

- Offaly County Council Aras on Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, Ireland. Tel: 00 353 506 468000
- Mr. Frank & Charlie Ward
- Mr. & Mrs. M. Bevans
- Kearns Coaches (BIRR)
- A.I.B. Bank, Hampstead
- Gowing & Pursey Skip Hire, Civic Way, off Victoria Road, South Ruislip. Tel: 020 8845 6024
- Tullamore Credit Union
- Ideal Lofts London Ltd (Mr. John Conway)

Prize Draw

Entry

Your envelopes for tonight's draw is on your table. £5.00 Entry.
Write your name & table number, close the envelope.
Our many thanks

Tonight's Prizes

Amongst the sponsors of tonight's prizes are:

- Week-end Break for 2 @ The Aantrobus Hotel, Church Street, Amesbury, Salisbury SP4 7EU
Kindly sponsored by: Mr. Brendan McBride, Dublin Association
- Three night break including bed & breakfast & evening meal,
at The Entourte Bistro, Guest House & Bar, Fivealley, Birr, Co. Offaly.
Rita & Joe Guinan. Tel: 00 353 5791 33976, email: joe@guesthouse.ie
- One Night for 2 @ Bridge House, Tullamore. www.bridgehouse.com
Prize from Fairway Gunning
- One Years Free Supply of Irish Post & a Irish Gourmet Taste Hamper
Supplied by the Irish Post (details in envelope)
- £30.00 Cash from Cork Association

Other Prizes from....

Tom McAsey, Wicklow Association
Michael Sills, Wexford Association
Bill & Tess, Waterford Association
Bridie Shaw, Clare Association
Tom Milne, Tipp Association
Jim McGrath, London Crystal
Noel Gleeson, Kildare Association
Andrew Carey, Cavan Association
Peter Brady, Meath Association
Roscommon Association
Fermanagh Association
John Connolly, Sligo Association

Plus other prizes.

With Thanks

The Offaly Association (London) would like to thank the following:

Our Friends from the County Associations as named in the Prizes

Trustees and Staff of The London Irish Centre

Michael Mulvantry, Life President, Leitrim Association

Friends from the Irish Club

Those people who have travelled over from Ireland,

Pat Phelan, Radio 3 Sports)

Tom, Kenny & May (travel every year)

Hynes Devery & Corbert

Rosemary Egan & family

Cllr. Sean Doorley, Offaly Association (Dublin)

Apologies from Fr. Scully who could not make it (our Life President)

Angela Sammon (Irish World)

Fiona Audley, reporting for the Irish Post

Ger Connolly

Frank Ward

Special thanks to Margaret Alder (Tipp Association) for those lovely flowers on our tables.

Terry McEaney, Llynda & Staff, Banqueting Manager, London Irish Centre

Mary & Pat, our Caterers for their services this evening

Pat Nugent & Mustang, this evening's band

Taxis

For Taxis please call: 020 7700 9292

Thanking you for your kind support this evening, we hope that you have had an enjoyable evening and we have enjoyed your company and generous support.

We would be grateful if you could please respect the privacy of the local residents on leaving the London Irish Centre.

Your M.C. for the evening is: Mr. Bill Aulsbury



Banagher - Offaly - B/W Main St



Forthcoming Events

C.I.C.A. A.G.M.

Thursday 19th February 2009 at 7.30pm
at The London Irish Centre

C.I.C.A. St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Saturday 14th March 2009 - 7.30pm for 8pm Start
The London Irish Centre
(tickets available from County Associations)

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday 15th March 2009 - Moves off at Noon
(Please come along and parade behind your County Banner)
(Look in local press for further details)

Offaly Association (London) A.G.M.

Sunday March 22nd 2009 at 3.00pm
at The London Irish Centre

Offaly Association Golf Day 2nd Annual

Friday 7th August 2009
(all details available from Noel on 020 8449 8379)

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All events are available on our new website: www.offalyassociation1962.co.uk

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