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On the occasion of our 20th Annual Dinner, the Chairman, Officers and Committee wish to express their thanks to those of you who have supported our various functions so far this year. As we go to press we are fully booked for the Annual Dinner again this year. We have regrettably had to refuse applications for tickets and we do hope that those people who were disappointed will not feel in anyway slighted. We are happy to say we can rely on your support in large numbers.

I can assure you that the Chairman and Committee will leave no stone unturned in their efforts to make your evening a memorable one, and with good food and wine and dancing the night away to the ever popular Ben Brothers' Famous Band and a surprise thrown in I feel sure you will agree that a wonderful night is in store for one and

In these days of so many counter attractions the problems facing County Associations are many. However, the basic reason for their existence remains the same. Namely, to be ready and able at any time to help the many deserving causes which crop up so often. The Welfare State does a lot for people who need assistance during illness or bereavement but there is still a need for instant action by one's own county men and women.

To cope with the many cases on its resources the Clare Assocation have held many enjoyable and profitable events throughout the year. A dance held recently at the White Hart, Acton, was a big success with music and entertainment by Mick Maloney and his Band. A big thank you to the committee who worked so hard selling tickets.

Once again Most Rev. Dr. Mchael Harty will be gracing us with his presence at the Annual Dinner and Parish Reunions together with many visitors from across the Irish Sea and other distinguished guests. A coach to London for relatives travelling over for the West Clare

Reunions is being arranged. I can assure you nothing is left undone either in London or West Clare to make the Parish Reunions a success. It is hoped a record crowd will attend and also we hope many priests from the parishes will attend. Many thanks to the press for the publicity they have given us, with regard to these and our many other functions.

Dates and Venues are as follows:

Thursday, 16th November-Parishes of Cross, Carrigholt, Kilkee, Doonbeg, Kilrush, Cooraclare.

Saturday, 18th November—Annual Dinner at Barkers.
Monday, 20th November—Parishes of Killimer, Kilmihell, Kilmurry

Macmahon, Lissicassy, Coolminn, Kildysart. Friday, 15th December—Bacon and Cabbage Dinner at the Irish

Centre, contact any of the above.

A large party travelled to Dublin for the weekend on October 14th. A very enjoyable time was had by all. Some travelled by air and some by train and boat-some delays on the way owing to fog, but the party was enjoying themselves so much they hadn't noticed.

We toured Wexford and Wicklow and stopped at the Wooden Bridge Hotel for lunch on Sunday. There, we were welcomed by the proprietor of the hotel, Mr. Frank Blook and his sister, Mrs. Hogan, and nephew, Jim Hogan and his charming wife and family. After lunch we were

entertained with music and dancing in the hall.

Frank was one of the founder members of the Clare Association in London and worked as secretary for many years. He said he was very proud and happy to see so many familiar faces, and was shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Moroney whom he had worked with in the Association for many years. A minute silent prayer was said for the repose of her soul, R.I.P.

Soon it was time to say goodbye once again and we set off for home. Many thanks to Jim Long who arranged everything for our enjoyment, and travel.

Next time, folks, you visit Wicklow don't forget to call at the Wooden Bridge Hotel in Arklow and there I can assure you of a Cead Mile Failte.

I am happy to say our Chairman, Sean Igoe, who has not been well recently, is recovering and we hope please God he will be fit and well for the big night of the year for the Clare people and their members and friends. The committee will be there in force to greet you and we look forward to meeting you all once again.

Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Laura O'Halloran on the death of her mother. Our sympathy is also extended to all those members who have

suffered bereavements during this year.

The Clare Association in London would like to thank the priests and people of the Parish of Cooraclare who gave a party in the local hall for a welcome home to members of the Association and immigrants who were on holiday in the various parishes, also a big thank you to Brendan Daly, T.D., who attended the function.

I could go on writing but space does not permit me. After the ball is over tonight and you have wined and dined the night away, a safe

journey home.

A Raffle will take place during the evening of the Annual Dinner. Please support this worthy cause, our thanks in advance to the

Slainte 'till next time. God bless you all.

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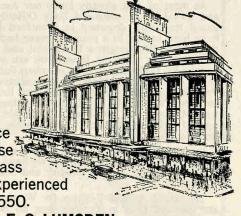
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We are hoping to run an outing between now and Christmas to Luton. At the present moment we are waiting for confirmation about a hall for the proposed venture. For further details about this watch the Wexford papers: The Irish Post, the Kilburn Times and the Irish Weekly.

Please make a note in your diary about our New Year's Eve Dance, 31st December next. On New Year's Eve we are staging the final of the annual Old Tyme Waltzing Competition, also the Grand Draw, there are some very good prizes to be won so make sure to have some tickets. The said dance was a great success last year, and we are hoping for an even better night this year, so come along and ring in the New Year with the Wexford Association. The venue is The Spotted Dog, Willesden High Road. More details next month.

Any Wexford people interested in golf, quiz, or darts should get in touch with any of the committee or see telephone numbers at the top,

we look forward to hearing from you.

As most of you already know our Association arranged the funeral and burial of 17 year old Tony O'Reilly, a Wexford boy, who was found tragically drowned in Brentford Lock last August. He would have been buried in a pauper's grave had our Association not come to the rescue. We bought a burial plot and handed it over to the family. In connection with the funeral we are very grateful to the following people: Fr. O'Herlihy of the Columban Fathers, who was chief celebrant at the concelebrated Mass, he was assisted by Fr. Pat Foley (Chiswick), Fr. Mat Kelly (St. John's Wood), and Br. Anthony of the De La Salle Brothers. We would like to publicly thank all those who came to the funeral, mass and burial, and the people who contributed towards the funeral expenses, especially Fr. Haines who made a very generous donation.

Our Benefit Dance which took place at Quex Road on 14th September was one of the most successful we have had in a long time. A special word of thanks to Sean Diviney and Sean Deverux v:ho sold a lot of tickets.

The Third Annual Reunion for Wexford Town which took place at the Spotted Dog in October was an outstanding success. We were honoured to have with us Frs. Funge, and Jordan, both of whom travelled over from Wexford especially for the occasion, it greatly pleased all the exiles to see and talk to them. On this occasion Miss Marie Morris presented a cheque for £50.00 to the Tony O'Reilly Fund

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"Irish Heritage" was founded in 1974 with the aim of promoting the best in Irish and Anglo-Irish literature, music and the arts. Our committee is drawn from London-Irish culture conscious organisations, with some English members who are also committed to our common cultural cause—a cause which makes a valuable contribution towards the improvement of Anglo-Irish relations.

We tell no lie when we say that in these times this is no easy task, but in the arts, which have no territorial boundaries, we have received enormous kindness and co-operation from all those with whom we have been privileged to work.

In the short time since our foundation we have mounted several programmes, generally presenting poetry and prose in an entertainment illustrated with music and song. Our material is varied and embraces two cultures, which in Anglo-Irish literature is a unique glory. We have presented a bi-centenary tribute to the poet, Oliver Goldsmith, in the Hall of the Inner Temple; a Regency Vignette on the friendship of Tom Moore and Lord Byron, a programme which took us from the Royal Academy of Arts to the South Bank; an evening for the Connaught Counties, called "The West's Awake"; programmes specially mounted for Irish Societies on various literary figures and localities. In "Dark Rosaleen" we produce a general picture of Ireland—past and present—in light and shade.

We use only professional artistes of a high calibre, each one specially chosen for script requirements. We also plan to present debut recitals for talented young Irish artistes who find it difficult to present themselves in the concert halls of London.

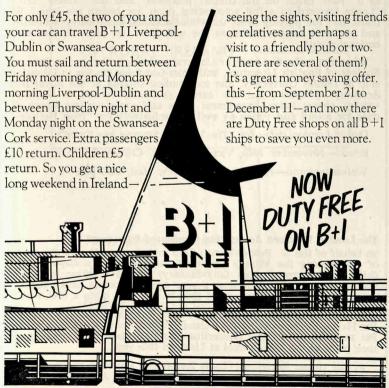
Already we have a very large number of "Friends of Irish Heritage." We would like you to join us. By filling in the form which you can have from the above address, our Hon. Secretary will keep you advised of all our activites. We make no charge for this service. All we ask is that you will support our work by coming to our evenings whenever possible. In this way you can enjoy an occasion among friends with similar taste, and help us by buying our tickets. Like all cultural organisations today we need financial support to survive. Here we must record our indebtedness to Aer Lingus for invaluable assistance in various forms.

We have planned a number of entertaining events for the coming season. We hope that you will share them with us and enjoy as much as we do these presentations of our cultural heritage.

Charles Kennedy founded "Irish Heritage" four years ago when he decided that it was time to improve and broaden the scope of Irish culture and entertainment. He is one of Ireland's best known singers; studied first at the Royal Irish Academy of Music, Dublin, and latterly

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with some of Europe's best singing teachers. He has given recitals all over the British Isles, made numerous recordings and goes to Dublin regularly to record programmes for Radio-Telefis Eireann.

Teresa Kennedy in reply to your many queries: Teresa is not related to Charles. She studied at the Royal Academy of Music, and won many coveted prizes. She has given numerous Lieder Recitals in London and the Provinces and also sung in light music productions including pantomime and cabaret. In response to many requests we are pleased to give you the opportunity of hearing her again for the whole of the bi-centenary tour.

Sioned Williams. Since Sioned first played with us less than two years ago she has gone from strength to strength, both as a solo performer and orchestral player. She has also had several of her own compositions broadcast on B.B.C. and at the Holland International Harp Festival. In a recent notice the "Financial Times" referred to her as a "Rare catch on the concert platform" and the "Times" critic: "Looks forward to a full solo recital from her before too long." We thank her for playing with us while working such heavy schedules, and are well aware that soon she will take her place in the international circuit.

Ethna Kennedy, Graduate of University College, Galway, an Honours Student of English Literature, with Post-Graduate studies in Librarianship at Dublin University. She too studied singing at the Royal Irish Academy of Music, but her career gradually turned to literature, writing, sleeve notes, programme notes and script-writing, which she does for sound and vision as well as exclusively for "Irish Heritage."

Out of London dates for "The Time of Singing has Come": Bristol—November 18th, Victoria Rooms, Clifton, 2.30 p.m. Wolverhampton—November 25th, Civic Hall, 2.30 p.m.

The London Wexford Association (continued from page 4)

on behalf of the St. Patrick's Irish Club in Leicester. During the course of the evening the Massey School of Dancing gave a display which delighted the crowd. Miss Lilly Massey, who is a native of Dublin, started the school a little over a year ago, her pupils have competed at numerous Feishna throughout Britain and won quite a few medals.

Belated congratulations to Association members, Eddie Grace and Pat Hayes. Eddie won the All Ireland Championship for Whistling, and Pat won the All Ireland Concertina Championship. Both competitions took place at the Fleagh Ceol at Listowel this year.

At the recent Waterford - Laois Bacon and Cabbage at the National our Association was represented by our Chairman, Jim Murphy and his wife Lilly, and our Treasurer, Michael Sills.

Our sincere sympathy to all members who suffered recent bereavements.

Breda Sills, Hon. Secretary and Acting P.R.O.

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Twelve of our Association members went up the M1 to have dinner with the Waterford Association in Birmingham headed by our Chairman, Mr. John O'Keeffe and his good lady, Mary, Mrs. Jim French, Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Reddy, Mr. and Mrs. John Dee, and Wally and Jane Smyth. In Mrs. Reddy's party was Mamie's only brother, Patrick O'Brien and Mrs. O'Brien.

The venue for the Birmingham Dinner was the Grand Hotel, a very impressive old building with beautiful ceilings. The banqueting suite had just been newly decorated in time for the dinner.

Amongst the principal guests were his Lordship, The Most Rev. Dr. Michael Russell, D.D., Bishop of Waterford and Lismore; the Mayor of Waterford, Councillor Patrick Power and the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Eileen Power. The Mayor had a party of friends and relations with him.

The toast to Ireland was proposed without any ceremony by Chairman, Mr. Eddie Cullinan. Eddie and his wife, Kathleen, have been stalwart members of the Waterford Association, Birmingham, for a great number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Cullinan work very hard in the charity field amongst the elderly and for the church, both their daughters do likewise: Margaret runs the Youth Club at the Irish Centre in that august city. Ann Cullinan has now taken a teaching post having graduated from Leicester University with her degree in history and arts. It was lovely to see them with their young friends. As a matter of fact there were quite a few young people at the dinner. Congratulations to Miss Ann Cullinan for not only getting her degrees but also on her engagement, while we were up there, to Mr. John Tower whose parents live in Tyrone.

The toast to the Waterford Association, Birmingham, was made by Dr. Russell and supported by Councillor Patrick Power, Mayor of Waterford. They were both listened to with great interest and well applauded. The toast to Our Guests was made by Fr. Dudley in the absence of our old friend Rev. M. Cullinan who has been President of the Association for many years. And the reply was aptly done by Mrs. Firth. Amongst the guests were Councillor Mrs. Freda Cocks, Deputy Mayor of Birmingham, and Mr. Cocks, Allied Irish Banks was represented and the Irish Post and Past Chairman, Mr. P. Wall and Mrs. Wall

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Speeches over everyone had a really jolly time dancing the night away, and chatting to all the different Waterfordians. I met Mr. and Mrs. John Delaney from Dunhill, Mr. and Mrs. Riordan from Waterford. Quite a number of people from Stradbally were present: Frankie Cleary, Martin Brown, Paddy Brown, Martin Flynn, Mick Clancy, Patricia Cleary, Mr. and Mrs. Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien. From Fenor came Mr. and Mrs. T. Crowley and Mr. and Mrs. B. Crowley. Paul King, son of the Secretary, Miss Carmel Power, daughter of Mr. John Power, Vice-President. Mr. and Mrs. Cosnett is the daughter of Mrs. J. Doyle, a committee member. Mr. and Mrs. Flynn, Ballyduff Upper, Larry Burns with his son and daughter; Larry comes from Fenor.

The committee did a wonderful job in organising the evening, everything went off perfectly and not one grumble was heard. The following are the committee: President: Rev. M. Cullinan; Vice-President: Mr. J. Power (Fenor); Chairman: Mr. Eddie Cullinan (Blantis); Vice-Chairman: Mr. M. O'Brien (Ballyguiry); Hon. Secretary: Mrs. P. King (Portlaw); Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. M. O'Brien (Abbeyside); Mrs. Kathleen Cullinan, Mrs. J. Doyle and Mrs. J. Power (Portlaw), Mr. Billy Cleary (Stradbally), Mr. M. Delaney (Dunhill) and Mr. P. Wall (Bunmahon). Anybody wanting any information on the Waterford Association, Birmingham, can ring Chairman Mr. Eddie Cullinan at Birmingham 707 3904.

Back down south congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Downes on the birth of their first child a lovely baby boy. Anthony is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Downes of Dunstable. The baby is a first grandchild for Tom and June. Tom was born in Doyle Street, Waterford. Belated congratulations to Tom and June's daughter, Helen, on her engagement to Mr. Colin Elderidge. The couple will marry at St. Mary's, Dunstable, on the 2nd December next.

Condolences to Mr. Dromney on the death of his wife, R.I.P. The couple attended many Waterford functions and enjoyed them to the full. Mrs. Dromney came from Dungarvan. Mass offered.

Dates for your Diary

18th November next—Christmas Bazaar at the A.T.C. Hall, Merton Road, Wimbledon. This is being organised by our members in the Wimbledon area headed by Mrs. May Flynn.

Bacon and Cabbage Dinner at the Irish Centre, 10th December. Please get your tickets early for this as we are limited to 200 until the larger hall is completed. Tickets from Chairman John O'Keeffe (Tel. 452 7940) or Mrs. Mary Allen (267 8100).

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It is with sincere regret that owing to family circumstances I have decided to resign as Public Relations Officer of the West London Irish Society.

I know I will miss writing for the Irish Counties Journal, but my loss is your gain because Mrs. Bridie Neeves has agreed to take over. Bridie is already well known to readers of the Journal so needs no introduction from me.

I would like to thank Mrs. Jane Smyth for being a wonderful editor to write for, and also the officers and members of the committee for their help and guidance over the past years.

To end on a happy note, congratulations to Tina and Gerry McFadden on the birth of their son, Gerry Paul, and to Geraldine and Kevin Jones who are now the proud parents of a lovely baby girl. May the sun always shine for them.

I now hand you over to Mrs. Neeves.

Josephine Dempsey.

The West London Irish Society are very busy organising dances and various functions in order to raise funds for the development of their new premises, Leeland Hall, West Ealing, which one day please God will be the West London Irish Centre.

The old saying Rome was not built in a day. It takes time and money and the driving force of the Chairman and Committee of the Society are wasting no time in that direction. We are hoping that the results of our Planning and Licensing application will be known soon.

In our minds eye we can visualise what it will be like when renovations are completed and we would value financial help as it is going to be an expensive business.

A dance held at Greenford Hall recently was a sell-out. A big thank you again to the committee who worked so hard selling tickets. The draw for the 200 Club also took place on the night.

The lucky winners were as follows: 1st prize (£200): Mr. T. Danagher, 34 Aldershot Road, N.W.6.; 2nd (£150): Pat Treachey, 39 Grendon Gardens, Wembley Park; 3rd (£100): Frank Kelly, 39 Grendon Gardens; 4th (£50): Mr. John McGee, Hillcrest Road, W.5; 5th (£25): M. J. Morrissey, Winning Post. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

It was nice to renew old acquaintances once again, everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. The Irish Society of Harrow were there in force. Pat Chambers, Chairman, and Michael O'Regan, Secretary, and (continued on page 17)

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Michael Hannon.

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many Committee members. Thank you to the Irish Society of Harrow

for your help and support.

I met Mr. James Esler, Area Representative of the B+I, and Mary McGovern also from B+I; Michael McCann of Tara Travel; Allied Irish Banks was also represented. Space does not permit me to mention everybody.

Music and entertainment was by the fabulous Jay Birds.

The success of the 200 Club is due in no small way to Bridie Fitzgerald and her daughter Christine who worked tirelessly organising the 200 Club. Great effort was made by Mary Allen, one of the committee members, who sold over 200 tickets for the dance and 200 Club.

During the evening Irish Professional Golfing Star, John O'Leary, presented a cheque for £1,000 to our chairman on behalf of John Morrissey and all member of the West London Golfing Club.

A big thank you for your generous support and we ask for your con-

tinued help and support in the future.

Our next function which is the highlight of the year for the Society is the Annual Dinner Dance to be held at The National, Kilburn, on Thursday, November 30th.

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A Bit of Local History (continued from last month)

The Tithe Barn

The survey of the Tithe Barn carried out before the renovations done in recent years, showed that it was at one time completely partitioned at the third bay from the west end. It is considered that this conclusively dates the barn to A.D. 1533-35. Such an exact dating is unusual for a building of this age, as is the fact that it was originally built for two occupants.

The barn is an impressive structure 10 bays in length, measuring 149ft. by 25ft. clear span internally, 50ft. overall in width and 31ft. high to the ridge. It has two large wagon porches, one to serve the three bays at the west end, and the other central to the seven bays for the tenant farmer's use. The door openings measure 11ft. x 10ft. 6in.

It is constructed in stout oak framing, probably all locally felled. It is erected on a simple brick plinth on a shallow flint and chalk foundation. The plinth and the structure both run with the slope of the ground. The continuous sill and the wall plates have interesting variations in scarf jointings.

The bays are defined by the heavy jowled principal posts originally all with natural curved wall braces. Each bay is divided into four equal panels by an intermediate post and a transome, with rough hewn studs to each panel, the straight braces are later additions.

Originally there was a heavy post and transome stud partition between the third and fourth bays from the west end. This was completely removed, probably soon after the transfer of the property to Lord North. The mortices for it can be clearly seen in the main posts and beam, and its position is now marked on the floor.

The roof framing consists of queen post trussed principal rafters closed with heavy tie-beams, and has a double row of purlins and a ridge pole. The gable ends are half hipped as often found in large barns. The tie-beams all have the original natural curved arch braces and the roof is strengthened with similar wind braces, but most of the latter have been replaced with straight braces. The tie-beams are the largest timbers in the structure, 27ft. long and up to 15in. x 11½in. in cross-section.

The barn has been very little altered but additions have been made, chiefly in the 17th and 18th centuries. First, the space between the

wagon porches was filled in with three lean-to stores—then a small brick lined pen or sty, opening on to porch was added. Stores were finally added on the front. The interesting cattle and wagon byre was added at the back at the same time; most of it is constructed in old oak secondhand timbers, and it is complete with a wooden gutter.

Recent Repairs to the Barn

When the local authority took possession in 1928 the national economic depression restricted expenditure to urgent repair work needed to prevent further deterioration, primarily to the roof, doors and cladding. Some further work was done during the war when the barn under a government scheme, was used as a temporary theatre. A few years later it reverted to use as a store.

In 1971 the Borough Council called for, and accepted a survey and report on what was required to repair and restore the barn, with a view to its being opened to the public.

Work commenced early in 1972 and was completed in 1973 at a total cost of just over £39,000, including the renewal and improvement of the electrical installation. Every part of the building was examined and the work included renewal of some length of collapsed brick plinth, heavy sill plate, and cutting out for and scarfing in new feet to six principal posts, at the N.E. corner. Some wall plate scarfs had fractured due to movement stress and these have been repaired. A damp-proof membrane has been inserted to protect the timbers from further deterioration. The roof has been stripped, a number of rotten softwood rafters renewed in oak and the roof lined, counter-battened, and rebattened and where necessary matching secondhand tiles obtained. Most of the cladding was a mixture of fairly modern softwood in various widths; some very old elm board cladding still existed under the stores but found to be like sponge from severe worm attack, All the cladding therefore has had to be renewed and with the roof is now relined. All the new timber used is home grown oak and elm, mostly felled in the S. Midlands; and all existing and new timber has been thoroughly treated with a preservative. The soft earth and tarmac floor has been replaced by concrete with a brick pavior finish. A government grant was awarded for the repair work.

The barn, as well as the other buildings on the site, has been included in the inventory of the Royal Commission on Ancient Buildings (1937); it was officially listed as of special historical or architectural interest, grade II in 1948, and a few years ago the tithe barn was revised to be grade II with a star.

The barn is now open for public inspection and is available for hire for approved activities.

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Leitrim Association are holding their Annual Dinner at Barkers Penthouse Suite, Kensington, on the 17th November next. For tickets or any information on Leitrim Association, please contact Fr. James Butler, P.R.O. at 485 0051.

Laois Association are holding their Annual Dinner at the Irish Centre on the 11th November. For information on Laois please telephone Peter Dunne on 205 1335. Peter promises to do a write-up on Laois as soon as he finds a minute and bring you up to date with what's been happening and is about to happen within the Laois Association.

Meath and Louth Associations were getting together as we went to press for an evening at the Gresham on the 4th November in order to boost the building fund for the Irish Centre.

Any Association wishing to have information in this Journal should send it to 6 Parkfield Gardens, North Harrow, by the 17th of the previous month of issue. There is no charge to any Association for this service. You must get the information to us as we have no reporters to send out to you.

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Juniors

- 1. What would you try to do if you were asked to "Box the Compassi"?
- 2. What kind of type do deaf people read?
- 3. Is there such a thing as a firefly, or is it just an expression?
- 4. When you blow soap bubbles why do they rise?
- 5. What is a Welsh Bardic Festival called?
- 6. What is the French port usually linked with Newhaven?



Veterans

- 1. What is another name for Hydrophobia?
- 2. In which musical work does the Hallelujah Chorus occur?
- 3. What kind of fish is an April-fish?
- 4. What was the name of the Hunchback of Notre Dame?
- 5. What common substance has the chemical name Calcium Sulphate?
- 6. In which country is the Afrikaans language spoken?

Answers on page 24

Answers to Our Quiz

Juniors

 You would try to name the 32 points of the compass in correct order.

2. Ordinary type.

Yes, it is a winged insect that gives out a brilliant light at night.
 The air that fills them is warm from the lungs and therefore lighter than the air outside; warm air rises and takes the bubble with it.

5. Eisteddfod.

6. Dieppe.

Veterans

1. Rabies.

Handel's "Messiah."

 It's not a fish at all, but a word meaning an April Fool's Errand or Hoax. In Scotland it is a "Gowk" (or Cuckoo).

4. Quasimodo.

Plaster of Paris.
 South Africa.

The Fresh Picked Berries Look for Autumn

by Elizabeth Arden

As the light weakens and the days grow shorter, it's time to put summer behind us and prepare for autumn. Capture the season's mellow mood with the Fresh Picked Berries Look . . . a colour co-ordinated makeup specially designed by Elizabeth Arden to complement autumn's new fashion theme of narrower silhouettes and more tailored clothes in black, deep crimsons, muted plums and rich browns.

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