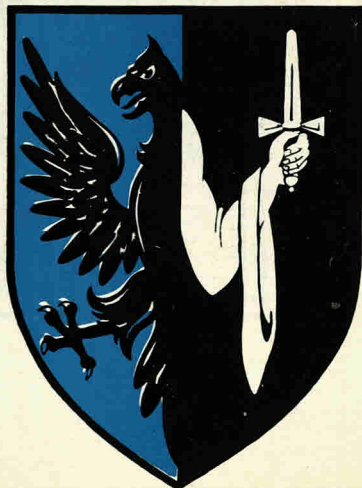


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**Table 2 — Age Range of Applicants**

	Male	Female	% of Total
Under 16 .....	4	2	0.4
16-18 .....	114	73	11.0
19-25 .....	491	360	50.0
26-40 .....	269	113	22.0
Over 40 .....	178	69	14.6
Retired .....	19	18	2.0

The age range of applicants remains fairly consistent; the highest percentage (61.4%) of our intake, as always, is under 25 years of age; of the total new intake of 1710 to both COMMUNITY SERVICES and HOSTELS, 830 (49%) were on their first visit to Britain and while 286 claimed to be on their second visit, a high percentage of these had only previously spent a few weeks in this country with relatives or friends.

**Table 3 — Educational Background**

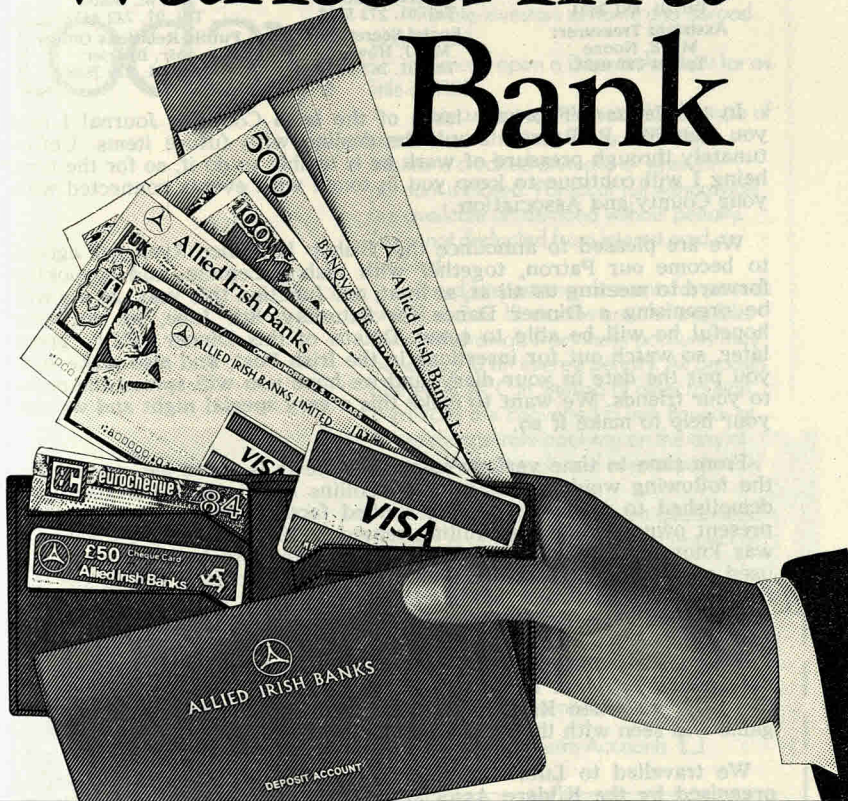
	Male	Female
First Level .....	339 (32%)	102 (16%)
Second Level .....	658 (61%)	346 (55%)
Third Level .....	78 (7%)	187 (29%)
Illiterate .....	11 (1%)	7 (1%)

Of those who availed of second-level schooling 19% had an Intermediate or Group Certificate and 21% held a Leaving Certificate suggesting that a large percentage of those using our service had not stayed in school beyond the statutory age requirement.

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In the January/February issue of the Irish Counties Journal I told you that Mr. B. Brazier would be dealing with future items. Unfortunately through pressure of work he is unable to do it, so for the time being I will continue to keep you in touch with events connected with your County and Association.

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Laurence Ryan has agreed to become our Patron, together with Bishop Lennon, and is looking forward to meeting us all at, at least, one function this year. As we will be organising a Dinner Dance for Saturday, 8th June, we are very hopeful he will be able to come. Details of this Dinner will be given later, so watch out for insertions in the Irish Post, and also make sure you put the date in your diary, and we hope you will spread the news to your friends. We want to make this a very special night and we ask your help to make it so.

From time to time various snippets of news is given me, so perhaps the following would be of interest. Collins Mill in Kilcullen has been demolished to make way for a sunbed factory. Mr. Jim Collins the present owner states that milling ceased in 1972 when his Father who was known locally as 'The Miller' retired and the building was then used as a furniture store, and also a factory unit. It is sad to see the demise of these ancient landmarks but of course progress must come first and we hope Mr. Collins will be successful in his new venture.

We have also heard of the recent death of Jimmy Loughlin, one of the famous Loughlin Brothers who played football for Kildare during the 1930 era when Kildare were at their best, and many a thrilling game was seen with their old rivals Kerry.

We travelled to Luton on Friday, 1st February to attend a dance organised by the Kildare Association there, and had a most pleasant evening. This dance was run for charity, and we must congratulate Luton for the large attendance. We met people whom we had not seen for some years, and it was altogether a most interesting and enjoyable few hours. We would like to thank Mr. Pat Hoare and his family for looking after us.

We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday, March 10th at Horseguards Parade at 11 a.m. for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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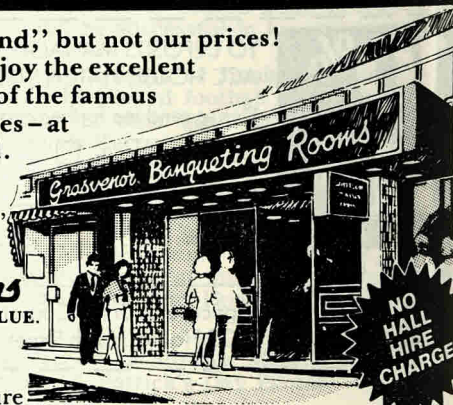
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### Hon. Secretary's Report 1983/84.

At the close of our financial year 1983/84, Cavan Association can look back with pride on its achievements in the social and charitable field around our adopted London capital. Membership continued to increase, resulting in wider contact.

The first monthly meeting following the 1983 A.G.M. held on 6th February, 1984, was preceded by a Mass celebrated by our newly elected Honorary President, Rev. P. Sheridan, O.M.I. National Director of Oblate Missions overseas. In this Mass deceased members and friends of Cavan were remembered with gratitude and memorable affection attendance included past and present honorary officers, committee members, relatives and colleagues of deceased members.

The convened business meeting included election of an executive committee, consisting of A.G.M. elected officers and three executive members, two delegates to attend Council of Irish Counties monthly meetings were also elected.

Considerable discussion ensued re a workable project, towards fund direction of selected charities in 1984. It was agreed to make a supreme effort, to aim for a seemingly unrealistic goal in aid of the Renal Dialysis Unit, Royal Free Hospital (as envisaged in 1983) and Multiple Sclerosis Research.

In March 1984 a cheque for £150 was forwarded to the Waterford Golf Society in aid of the Irish Centre Fund.

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on Sunday, 11th March, 1984, attracting a minority representation of loyal Cavan supporters including children. The Parade culminated with a mass celebrated at Westminster Cathedral. Master of Ceremonies was the popular Rev. Pat Browne (Meath), Cathedral Chaplain.

Principal concelebrant was Most Rev. Dr. J. Casey, Bishop of Galway, who gave an edifying homily. Attendance included dignitaries of Irish Church and State.

A representative group from Cavan Association London accepted an invitation from Luton Cavan friends to attend a preliminary meeting at St. Joseph's Club, Legrave, on 12th March, 1984, to discuss the possibility of forming their own association. This had a successful outcome leading to the now established Cavan Association, Beds. and Herts.

Our first function for 1984, a Bacon and Cabbage Supper Dance, was held in the MacNamara Hall, Irish Centre, Camden Square on Saturday, 9th June, 1984. This highly popular Annual event was attended by 246 patrons. Music was supplied by Kevin O'Loughlin and Sugar Shack.

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Counties of Ireland	1981	1982	1983
Antrim .....	29	36	28
Armagh .....	7	6	6
Carlow .....	3	1	3
Cavan .....	11	3	11
Clare .....	15	11	10
Cork .....	61	76	77
Derry .....	14	14	5
Donegal .....	24	27	16
Down .....	18	12	5
Dublin .....	86	89	79
Fermanagh .....	8	2	—
Galway .....	33	37	38
Kerry .....	28	25	33
Kildare .....	10	12	4
Kilkenny .....	7	7	12
Leitrim .....	2	8	5
Limerick .....	40	33	51
Longford .....	8	8	7
Louth .....	4	5	5
Mayo .....	31	24	21
Meath .....	6	8	5
Monaghan .....	5	4	7
Offaly .....	5	3	5
Roscommon .....	9	12	3
Sligo .....	16	24	38
Tipperary .....	46	24	38
Tyrone .....	9	17	13
Waterford .....	26	19	19
Westmeath .....	18	12	6
Wexford .....	16	6	15
Wicklow .....	5	5	11
<b>Other Nationalities</b>			
England .....	109	130	99
Scotland .....	38	70	47
Wales .....	12	10	12
Other Countries of Origin .....	22	23	17

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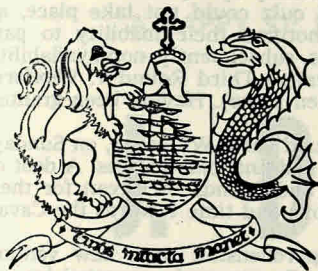
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Firstly I would like to wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Please turn up in your hundreds for the St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be held this year on Sunday, 17th March. The Mass to be held at Westminster Cathedral at 12 noon so please be at Horseguard's Parade at 11 a.m. to assemble behind the Waterford Banner for the parade through Whitehall and Victoria Street.

I hope you all have your sponsor forms for the London Marathon and that you will fill them to capacity for the very necessary funds to fight the dreaded disease of cancer which seems to take so many lives young and old alike. I also hope that many of you will be along the route to cheer on Oliver Browne who is running for our Association. Oliver will have Waterford Association painted across his T-shirt, it will not be in the blue and white as Oliver says that the colour orange or yellow stands out better. Our Waterford Banner will be at Westminster Bridge for the start of the race. Please pass the word on to your friends and relatives on route to give Oliver a cheer, 'Up Waterford' or 'Come on Oliver' or any other form of encouragement. It takes a lot of hard work to be accepted for the London Marathon. Our grateful thanks again to Mr. Browne.

### Condolences.

To Mr. Martin Maroney, Life-President of the Clare Association on the death of his brother in Australia. In offering sympathy to Mr. Maroney I would also like to offer the thanks of Wally and myself for his wonderful support during and after the time of our burglary. I don't know what we would have done without your help and advice Martin.

My sympathy to my better half Wally on the death of his Auntie Bessie Threlfal. Auntie Bessie was the last of her kind in Waterford being of English stock, she was a Randall previous to her marriage to the late Tommy Threlfal son of the great musician Sammy whose compositions are still played by the Barrack Street Band. Church going Protestants who respected and were respected by the Catholic community. Bessie was very pleased to tell me when Uncle Tommy died that he had hundreds of Mass Cards. Mrs. Threlfal told me how happy



## **Cavan Association** (continued from page 7).

Congratulations and commiserations were extended to the Senior Quiz Team, captained by Robert King who reached the final in the 1983 quiz and regretfully lost gallantly to Kilkenny by 1 point.

The first and second rounds of 1984 quiz could not take place, as drawn opponents Armagh and Sligo notified their inability to participate, due to unforeseen circumstances, subsequently—non availability of contestants. At this stage Cavan awaits—Third Round v. Wexford, 12th December, 1984 (this has now taken place). Having been granted byes.

London Irish Festival held at Roundwood Park, Willesden, on Sunday, 1st July, 1984, was a resounding social and financial success. A debt of gratitude is owed to family, members and friends of Cavan for their tireless efforts, donations, gifts, provisions and time towards the Cavan stall.

Following discussion, doubts and apprehension re a new venture popular in certain areas around Cavan County and suggested by our President, a Boston Tea Party was held in the MacNamara Hall, Irish Centre, on Sunday, 30th September, 1984. 25 tables were hosted by friends of the Association from all Counties. This event created a precedent with combined effort and the full co-operation of Florrie and Noel D'Arcy—the result was magnificent. Music for dancing was provided by Bill Cremin and the Springtimers.

Our Annual Dinner Dance was held at the MacNamara Hall, on Saturday, 10th November, 1984. 25 invited guests joined the full house.

To celebrate G.A.A. Centenary Year in commemoration of Cavans Golden era in football, we were privileged to have amongst our guests, heroes from those special years and the Chairman of the County G.A.A. Board.

It was with a deep sense of delight in achievement and gratitude to our donor supporters that our President could make three presentations. £2,000 was handed over to a nurse representative from the Renal Unit, Royal Free Hospital, for direction towards follow-up drug therapy for a missionary Priest, based at Shishon, Cameroons, at present convalescing at Mill Hill, following a Kidney transplant. A cheque for £2,000 to a nurse recipient from the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain and Ireland for direction towards research in that field, and a cheque for £500 to Rev. C. Malone, O.M.I. Director of the Irish Centre. All donations were gratefully acknowledged by representatives present as invited guests.

At the end of another year, as Secretary of the Cavan Association London, I would like to pay special tribute to our honorary Life President, President and Vice-Presidents, for their support advice and encouragement, which helps to instil confidence in times of doubt and indecision.

Included in my special debt of gratitude are our Chairman, committee, officers and members, each of whom has made their own personal contribution towards easing an onerous task. I owe special thanks to Florrie and Noel D'Arcy, Irish Centre Management, for their patience, consideration and co-operation throughout 1984.

In conclusion, I remember our sick and disabled members and supporters, and wish them better health in 1985. To our friends who have suffered bereavement, some tragic and unexpected, may you find renewed courage and inner peace.

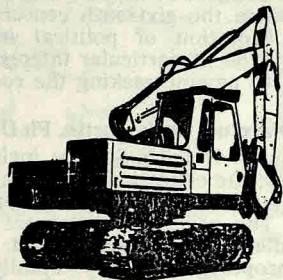
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**Irish Society: Course Director, Chris Curtin, Ph.D.**

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**June 27th - July 29th — Credit Courses for Educators:**

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### Votes of Sympathy.

I would like to send our deepest condolences to Mr. Tommy Egan, a member of our committee, on the death of his uncle. Also to Lucy Hackett on the death of her uncle. May they both 'Rest in Peace'.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank everyone who attended all our functions last year and I hope we can rely on your support in the coming year. Our first Bacon and Cabbage Supper of 1985 will be held on 2nd March, 1985, at the Irish Centre, Camden Town. Tickets will be £7.00 each this year. Music to be supplied by Billy and North Winds. Tickets are available from myself on 521 4776 or Bridie Shaw on 254 4257. It promises to be a very enjoyable night, so please do come along.

I would like to wish my mother, Nancy Bonney a very speedy recovery from her recent operation.

A Very Happy 18th Birthday to Fergal Shaw.

Christine Bonney.

**Summer Schools 1985** (continued from page 14).  
vocational educators and migrant and special education teachers. Seminars and activities suitable for health professionals, social workers and related disciplines will also be provided. The course will be divided into two: The Education System of Ireland, and the History, Literature and Culture of Ireland.

**July 2nd - 31st — Credit Course in Irish Geography:**

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Another year is with us again, and let us hope that Spring is just around the corner, with greater prospects and less gloom.

1984 had many ups and down, for a start we lost our President and P.P. Fr. Pat Fitzsimons very early in the New Year. His untimely passing was a severe blow to Westmeath, and of course, to the Parish of St. Boniface in Tooting, which will stand as a memorial to him forever.

Indeed nearly every officer and committee member lost some dear one through the year. May they 'Rest in Peace.,

We are now in our twentieth year (1965-1985) and although we suffered many a tragedy we still fought on to keep the wheels of the Association revolving.

I will appeal again for new faces. There are thousands of you Westmeath people all over London who could well spare an hour or two at our monthly meetings. You don't have to attend every meeting if not convenient. Perhaps you could arrange with a relative or friend to attend alternative months, thus keeping up to date with the activities of the Association. Remember that strength lies in numbers. It is only numbers that can make decisions, not a regular handful of six or seven people. In this way we can plan with confidence more attractive venues for our functions throughout the year. We can plan new ideas thus attracting a larger and lasting following.



**Waterford Association** (continued from page 11).

she was when the time came for all of us to pray together, "Not before time" was her comment. Mrs. Threlfal's daughter is very active today in the ecumenical field in Waterford. Our deepest sympathy to her daughter Mrs. Dave Coulter, and her son Mr. Tommy Threlfal (Jnr.), grandchildren, to the Threlfal family in Eltham, London, at Cromer, Norfolk, Southport and Liverpool.

**Mr. Timothy Galvin, R.I.P.**

A great loss to Waterford and it's people, Tim Galvin R.I.P., former Mayor 1971/72 and also 1977/78. I would need at least a whole years 'Journals' to tell you of Tim's greatness and humility. Mr. Galvin joined the Waterford Corporation as a Councillor in 1967 on the Labour ticket but it didn't matter to what party you gave your allegiance, Tim had your interest at heart, he served all of the people all of the time, day or night, in a genuine wholehearted way, like no other mayor has since or before. I know my many former Mayor friends and the present one included will not take offence at this statement.

Mr. Galvin served on the Community Services Council, was Chairman of the Holy Family Parish Council, a Director of Waterford Soccer Club and had a great interest in the juniors. Tim was a member of the Vocational Education Committee, a member of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, a member of the Waterford Council of Trade Unions and was made an Honorary Life Member in 1971.

Traffic was brought to a standstill in Waterford for his funeral which was attended by the City Fathers from the Mayor and City and County Managers down to every political persuasion in their robes of office. From the Bishop of Waterford and Lismore down to the very many priests. Mr. Galvin is survived by his wife Joan (nee Toms) of the Joanie Toms and Cissie Collins School of Irish Dancing who taught Bishop Henderson and myself the said art. Our heart felt sympathy to Joanie, to son Tim (Jnr.), daughter-in-law and grandchildren and the very many relatives in Waterford. The first meeting of the Waterford Corporation, 1985, was adjourned as a mark of respect for this great man, with the Mayor, City Manager and all the City Fathers paying glowing tributes.

**More Sympathy.**

Our condolences to Councillor Liam Curham whose step mother died through gas fumes seeping through her home at 10 Clashrea Place. A niece staying with Mrs. Curham had to be rushed to hospital as we went into print. The Gas Company were working in the vicinity at the time on a suspect leak but not from the lady's home.

That's all for now folks.

Jane T. Smyth (Mrs.), Press Officer.

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**Cavan Association** (continued from page 12).

**Dates for Your Diary 1985.**

4th May, 1985—Supper Dance, MacNamara Hall, Irish Centre, Camden Square.

29th September, 1985—Boston Tea Party, MacNamara Hall.

9th November, 1985—Annual Dinner Dance, Grosvenor Rooms, Walm Lane.

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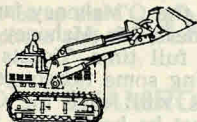
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130 Senior Citizens attended the party held at the Railway Hotel on Saturday, January 12th. It was a very enjoyable afternoon for the committee and helpers as well as the Senior Citizens. Our thanks to Brendan Hipwell and the staff at the Railway Hotel for their help in making the day such a success. Also to the ladies who baked the Brown Soda Bread and the helpers who gave up their Saturday afternoon. A very special thank you to the young helpers and last but by no means least a big thank you to Patsy McKenna, John Joe Whelan, Jimmy Connors and Johnny Horan who provided the music for the afternoon free of charge.

On Sunday, 17th March our Annual St. Patrick's Night Dance will be held at the Harrow Leisure Centre. As the Byron Hall is closed for repairs the dance will be held in the function hall and main bar area. Tickets will be limited so its first come. Dancing will be from 8.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. with a bar extension to midnight. Music by Vince and the Western Wildcats. Tickets £3 each, children and senior citizens £2. Book your tickets now from any committee members.

On Friday, 22nd March we are holding a Benefit Dance at the Galtymore Dance Hall in Cricklewood in aid of the O'Mahoney family from Harrow Weald. Due to Mrs. Mahoney's illness, Mr. Mahoney had to give up his employment to look after her full time. Tickets are available now £1 each. If you can help by selling some tickets get in touch with Brendan Griffin 423 0830. Coaches will leave the Civic Centre at 8.30 p.m. Fare £1.50 return. Seats must be booked and paid for in advance.

Festival of Sport—Sunday, 23rd June. The charities this year are:  
1. Sunshine Home for Blind Babies in Northwood. 2. Mount Vernon Hospital Cancer Research Unit. More details in next issue.

We hold a family night at the Belmont Hotel every Sunday night, come along and meet the committee and friends and enjoy the music and sing song. Admission is free.

Membership for 1985 is now due at £1 per family. This entitles you to participate in 12 free draws for B+I travel in Ireland.

Easter Dance at the Rayners Hotel, Rayners Lane on Saturday, 6th April. Music by Kim Vara. Dancing 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tickets £1.50 each available from all committee members.

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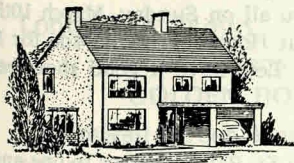
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### **Westmeath Association** (continued from page 21).

We can look forward to a big celebration on our 21st Birthday next year 1986. Let us build up to it this year in such a way that the Westmeath Association in London will be 'The Talk of the Town.'

### **The Annual Supper and Dance.**

The Annual (Christmas) Supper which was to have been held in early December and which had to be postponed, unavoidably, was held as promised early in the New Year. The date was Friday, 15th February at the Irish Centre from 8 p.m. till late. This was a very enjoyable affair with spots, raffles and a wonderful meal. The Irish Centre being noted for its excellent cuisine. For dancing, the Glensiders provided the music and nobody wanted to leave the floor with this marvellous group, noted throughout London.

### **Sympathy.**

Sympathy is extended to Billy Attwell on the recent death of his niece. May she 'Rest in Peace'.

By the time you read this we will have had our Annual Supper and Social and according to the ticket demands a record crowd is expected. We will have our Annual General Meeting over too. (Sunday, March 3rd) and a new committee will be formed. With many new faces which we hope will think up new ideas. Thus bringing about a great future for the Westmeath Association in London. If for any reason you could not attend the A.G.M. please come and join us at any time, it is never too late, and help keep your county alive in London.

### **The Annual Dinner Dance.**

The big one of the year will be held in the beautiful McNamara Hall, at The Irish Centre, Camden Town on Friday, May 24th commencing at 8 p.m. If you have not been able to make it before you have been missing a wonderful Annual occasion, so don't miss it this year.

Watch out for more on the Dinner and 1985 events in the next issue of this Journal.

A Very Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all both at home and in London. We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday, March 10th for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. 11 a.m. at Horseguard's Parade for Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 12 noon. Lets have a good show behind the Westmeath Banner.

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## The London Marathon

You may say what has a Westmeath man, the Waterford Association and Cancer Research to do with the London Marathon.

This year the Waterford Association are putting every effort into raising funds for Cancer Research. Our first big effort comes on 21st April, 1985, in the London Marathon.

This is where Oliver Browne, born in Maydrum, Athlone, Westmeath comes in. When his place in the London Marathon was confirmed he offered his services to the Waterford Association on behalf of Cancer Research.

Oliver, youngest of four brothers and three sisters came to England with his parents, Patrick and Agnes Browne in September, 1954. He is now married and lives in Ilford, Essex where he runs a jogging club called 'Parkside Harriers' and is also a member of Ilford Athletic Club. He works for the London Borough of Harringay as a painter and decorator. Being involved and interested in sports since his school days it is only in the last three years he has taken up Marathon running. His main interest is race walking and he recently competed and finished in the London to Brighton race walk, raising in the process nearly £400 for the Royal National Institute for the Deaf. He has also won this years best 'Newcomer' to race walking. Oliver finished in 11th place in a very creditable time of 10 hours, 42 seconds.

Apart from the London Marathon the Association hopes to organise a sponsored walk of the London bridges, raffles, dances and a race night. Since its formation the Association has given many thousands of pounds to different causes but this year our prime target will be to raise as much money as possible for Cancer Research.

Should you be interested in sponsoring this worthy cause, sponsorship forms are available from the Hon. Secretary Mrs. Mary Allen, 10 Ashmore, Agar Grove, London NW1. Telephone 01 267 8100. Donations, cheques/postal orders payable to The Waterford Association.

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