

Irish in Greenwich project



An Nuachtán
NEWSLETTER

IRISH
in Greenwich

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EDITORIAL

Well another year has ended and it's Christmas again. This is usually a time for remembering all that has happened throughout the past twelve months and for planning for the future and for the Irish in Greenwich Project that is exactly what we are doing. But don't worry we won't be getting sentimental just yet in fact we will be waiting until our Annual General Meeting for that !

Speaking of the AGM, we will be holding ours in early Spring and it is very important that as many Irish people in Greenwich as possible come along. By then we will have our Annual Report ready and it is imperative that we receive your views on the work the Project has been involved with over the past year. We also want to hear your opinion on what you think the Project should be doing or what type of events the Project should be organising.

We will let you know well in advance when and where the meeting will be held.

Another very important matter is MEMBERSHIP. Those of you who have already joined will know that the present membership ends at the end of this year. We haven't changed the cost of joining the Project and we have included a Membership Form in this Newsletter. Members will receive copies of this Newsletter throughout the year and more importantly members are allowed to vote at our AGM. So don't forget to send on the Form.

In our Christmas edition of 'An Nuachtan' we have a number of new articles. A very interesting piece of information about the GAA in South London, lots of good news about the Womens' Group, a very challenging Crossword and plenty of information from the Pensioners Group.

We are always looking for new items for the Newsletter so if any of you would like to contribute by writing an article or helping us to print it we would be very grateful.

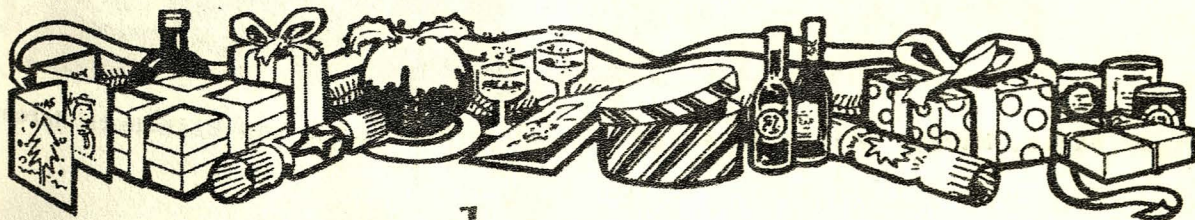
On behalf of the Irish in Greenwich Project we would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year and we hope that 1987 will be success for all Irish people in London.

Slan agus beannacht,

SARAH KELLEHER

MICKEY KELLY

Project Workers.



IRISH PENSIONERS GROUP

the past:

The Irish Pensioners Group in Greenwich has been really active over the past few months and seems to be steadily growing week by week. No wonder when statistics show that the majority of Irish people in the Borough are over the age of 45. The Group meets every first and third Wednesday afternoon in Charlton House, Charlton Village from 2.00pm - 4.30pm. So far these afternoons have been most enjoyable with games such as bingo and cards being played and usually these are followed by gorgeous home made Guinness cakes and even Eggless cakes! Every now and then a sing song will start and it's amazing the talent we've uncovered!

The Pensioners have also organised day trips and in the summer a very successful trip to Margate was held where everyone got very sunburnt! A trip to Tunbridge Wells in Kent was also very enjoyable. Of course everyone will remember the lovely day in Roundwood Park at the London Irish Festival - we're all looking forward to next year already!

Every now and then visits to other Irish groups are made, such as the trip to Camden Irish Centre to an Afternoon Tea Dance and the great day everyone had in Dartford at the Irish Club there. More recently a very successful Ceili was held in the Clockhouse Community Centre, Woolwich where more than thirty new pensioners came along. Photos of this event are in this Newsletter so you can see how much fun everyone had.

the future:

The present Committee have decided to hold their Annual General Meeting early in the New Year and are asking all Irish Pensioners to come along and contribute in what ever way they can or to let them know what kind of events you would like. Perhaps you would like to see more dances or day trips or sing songs or maybe you would have time to join the committee and give a hand in organising events. The first meeting of the New Year will be on:

Wednesday 7th January

at Charlton House 2.00pm - 4.30pm.

It is hoped to make preparations for the AGM at this meeting about when and where to hold it etc. Do come along all hands are needed. If you require any further information about the Pensioners Group contact Mickey or Sarah at the Irish in Greenwich Office 855 7191 Ext 30 or call in for a cup of coffee!!



Brigid Whyte, Mickey Kelly, Anne Egan



Anne Egan and Elizabeth Harcourt

Irish Pensioners Fares Campaign

As well as the many social events organised the Irish Pensioners Group has also been very involved with the London based Irish Pensioners Action Group in trying to get free travel for Irish Pensioners when they visit Ireland. Pensioners living anywhere in the Irish Republic have the right to free travel - the Irish Pensioners Action Group are campaigning to have this right extended to Irish pensioners living here.

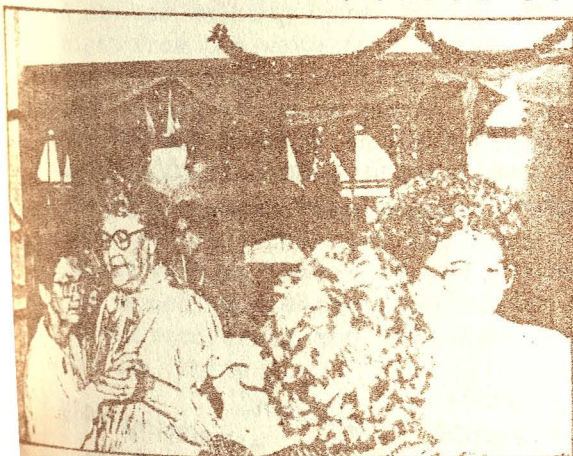
They are at present conducting a nation-wide survey in an effort to show that Irish Pensioners living here have contributed heavily to the Irish economy in the past and that many of them now face considerable hardship, loneliness and homesickness. As you know many Pensioners cannot travel home as often as they would wish, if at all.

Further they want to show that if free travel was made available to them, Pensioners would visit Ireland more frequently, stay longer, spend more money thereby make significant contributions to the Irish economy and enhance their own quality of life. Lastly they want to assess the potential demand for group travel - on a set tour or simply to a port of entry.

The questionnaire on this will be available at the next meeting of the Pensioners Group - Wednesday 7th January at 2.00pm in Charlton House - it is essential that as many Pensioners as possible fill out this form as the Irish Pensioners Action Group are sending a delegation to the Irish Government in Dublin in February so the more support they get the better the chances of success.

If you can't make this meeting give the office a ring and we will send you out a questionnaire.

PHOTOS FROM CEILI 2.12.86 AT CLOCKHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE



Bridie Holmes & Nellie McCarthy



Elizabeth Mouque & Mrs. Brakewell



TRADITIONAL IRISH SAYINGS

Mrs. M. Kelleher from Cork sent in the following stories and sayings that were once , and in some places in Ireland still are very common in every day language. I'm sure they will bring back some memories from childhood.

If any other readers can remember such colloquialisms do send them in for our next Newsletter - we'd love to hear them.

Phrases used to describe people who were not so generous with their time or money!!!

- She was so mean she wouldn't even give you a fright!
- He'd steal the milk off your tea.
- She's as mean as dirt.
- The currents in that cake she made are like railway stations very far apart.
- He'd skin a flea for it's hide
- She's so mean she wouldn't even give you the itch.

And for generous people -

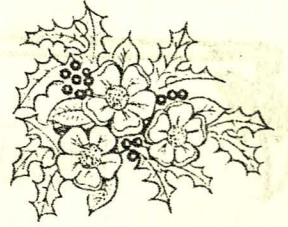
- He'd give you the shirt off your back / He's a very decent man.
- She won't see you short / Tisn't water she'll offer you.
- She always keeps an open door and her cupboard is never bare.

Other sayings include:

- 'Put a bush in the gap' - Close the door.
- 'A shut mouth catches no flies' - Silence is golden!
- There are no flies on him / He's as cute as a fox - meaning very clever or astute.
- She went to meet the scholars - She went to get educated.

- A Poor person was often described as:
The poor creature (often pronounced 'crathur')
The unfortunate man/woman
She'd cross the heart on you
They live off the peelings
They haven't their supper on
Shur God love 'em, they only eat onion skins.

AND STORIES



One Little Christmas Eve (5th January) or as it is known in Ireland 'Womens' Christmas', a man went to the well a few yards from his house to draw water for the following day. He dipped the jug into the well which was almost overflowing due to heavy rain the previous week but when he took out the jug it was empty. He tried again and again but the same thing happened. After a while he began to get worried, thinking perhaps that he was seeing things - then it dawned on him what night it was and he ran home as fast as his legs could carry him! Tradition has it that he should have drawn water in daylight and the women of the house should be kept company after dark as after all it is Womens' Christmas! I'm sure a lot of women would like to keep up this tradition.

Phrases often used by parents when reprimanding their children:

- 'I'll give you what Paddy gave the drum'
- 'No more guff out of you'
- 'Shut your gob'
- 'I'll give you a pain where you never had a window'
- 'Don't be such a smart Alec'

A man was walking home through the fields late one night from the wake of a neighbour when he saw a ghost like figure sitting on a haycock keening and waving it's arms about. He got such a fright that he was unable to move for a long time. Then, all of sudden it disappeared so he ran with hell for leather home and collapsed with exhaustion into bed. But the next day he got an even worse fright when he looked in the mirror - his fair hair had turned snow white! He had to spend six weeks in bed recovering and was known forever after as Tom Bán (White Tom).



Some of our readers will have heard of 'Jackie the Lantern' a strange night light that led many a person astray. Well Mrs. Kelleher tells us her father went out late one evening to bring in the cows for milking and saw this twinkling light which was so distracting that he couldn't find the gate out of the field. The strange thing was that he knew the field like the back of his hand but the light kept drawing him around the field. Eventually his wife got worried as to why he was taking so long so she went out to look for him and saw him wandering aimlessly around the field. She called out to him from the gate and suddenly the light vanished and he made his way home rather tired! The human voice had broken the spell of 'Jackie the Lantern'.

- Stranger and stranger!

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A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, I mourn my son,
I mourn him night and day,
I mourn him in this quiet house
and on the busy highway.

I tell myself he's in your arms
Then I think that You're not there
My mind says that I must be right,
My heart says that that's not fair.

But Lord if you are listening
please rid me of these fears,
Help me to accept his death
Show me how to stop these tears.

As I look upon his picture,
This boy who was my son,
I remember all the laughter,
Oh Lord, he was such fun.

Yet in his house of sadness
Why did no one hear his cry
On that dreadful winter morning
I wonder - Did he say goodbye?

- A Greenwich Pensioner

IRISH WOMEN IN GREENWICH GROUP

The Irish Women in Greenwich Group has been active now for over six months and although it doesn't meet on a regular basis the group has and is organising events many of which have been most successful.

We had a very enjoyable social evening in the Clockhouse Community Centre, Woolwich which ended in a talented sing sing. We had women from the London Irish Womens' Centre here in the office showing films from the RTE programme Real Lives which showed a variety of events which shaped and changed Irish womens's lives, the major one being emmigration. We have also been involved in the planning stages of the Third London Irish Womens Conference which will be held on Saturday 14th February in - wait for it - The Albany Centre in Deptford. More about that later.

Our next event has been planned for THURSDAY 22nd JANUARY

IN

THE CLOCKHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE
DEFIANCE WALK, WOOLWICH

AT

7.00pm

On this night we will be holding a video session where we will be showing films about Ireland and the Irish. One is entitled: IRELAND'S LOSS, ENGLAND'S GAIN and it uses a mixture of songs and interviews with men and women who came to Britain in the '40's and 50's. The other film is called A DOUBLE EDGED QUESTION and looks at discrimination towards the Irish. We will be meeting at 7.00pm and the first film will be at 7.30pm and its FREE FREE FREE FREE.

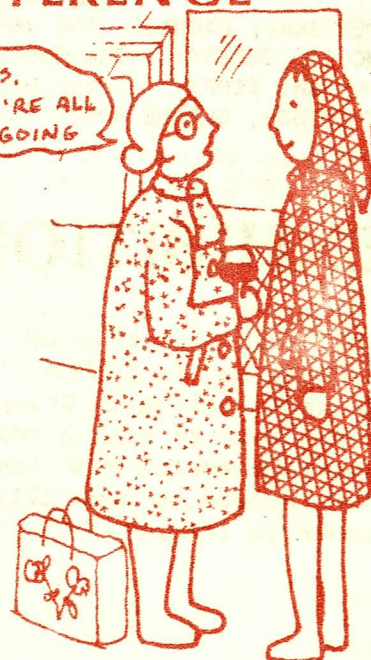
VIDEO NIGHT

So far our meetings have been in the Clockhouse Community Centre but if this is inconvenient for most of you we can always move around the Borough. We also intend to go in to London to see Irish plays and films. At present there is a very interesting film called 'EAT THE PEACH' on at the Plaza, Piccadilly and Cannon, Chelsea and Tottenham Court Road. Well worth seeing hopefully we will take a trip up there in the New Year.

LONDON IRISH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

As I mentioned the THIRD LONDON IRISH WOMENS' CONFERENCE will be held on 14th February in the Albany Centre, Deptford. This is an event NOT to be missed, especially when it is so close to home in Greenwich. Every year so far it has been held in North London so now that it has come our way do support it. The day will not only discuss issues relevant to Irish women in London but will also have theatre groups, dancing, videos, food, music and a variety of stalls selling Irish books etc. This year the Conference theme will be on Irish Womens' identity and the way forward now that we are far more established in London than ever before.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUR GROUP IN GREENWICH OR THE LONDON IRISH WOMENS' CENTRE IN STOKE NEWINGTON CALL INTO OUR OFFICE IN WOOLWICH OR RING SARAH there at 855 7191 Ext 30 or HELEN at 8548888 Ext 2061.



LIBRARY

As you may have read in 'The Irish Post' recently we have now opened our Library of Irish books and tapes in our Office at Powis St. There is a wide variety of books (some of which are listed below) and a number of topics are covered such as: History, Fiction, Poetry, Music, Song, Dance, Sport, Cookery and Arts and Crafts. There is a special section for Children including simple methods for learning the Irish language. We also have many books which contain beautiful pictures of Ireland and are well worth looking at.

One book may be borrowed per person for two weeks (this can be extended if requested). If any one would like us to purchase a particular book please let us know as we will be restocking our shelves in the New Year.

Special thanks to Sean Kirby for helping us to organise the Library and to Larry Kavanagh for making a very useful bookcase for our office.

FICTION

BINCHY, MAEVE The Lilac Bus
CROSBY, PADDY Your Dinner's Poured Out
JOYCE, JAMES Dubliners
KENNEDY, LENA Autumn Alley
" " Nellie Kelly
MacLAVERTY, MICHAEL Cal, & Lamb
O'CONNOR, FRANK Fish For Friday &
other stories.
SAYERS, PEIG An Old Woman's Reflections
McCRORY, MOY The Water's Edge
URIS, LEON Trinity

OTHER

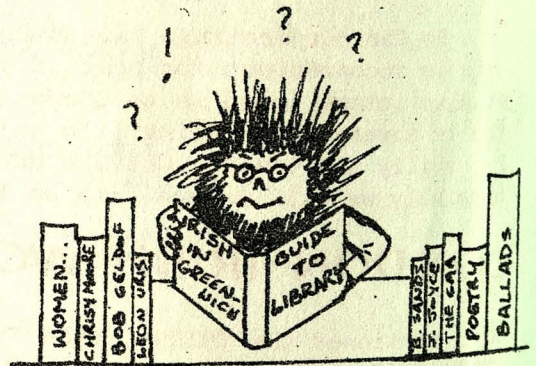
McCAFFERTY, NELL The Best of Nell
HAYES, JOANNE My Story
BEALE, JENNY Women In Ireland
deVALERA, SINEAD Irish Fairy Tales
ROLLESTON, T.W. The Adventures of Finn
MacCumhal
HILL, ERIC Bran agus an Nollag
deBuitlear, Eamonn Detective in the Wild
SCOTT, MICHAEL Irish Folk and Fairy Tales
deBREFFNY, BRIAN Irish Family Names - Arms
Origins and Location
PUIRSEAL, PADRAIC The GAA in It's Time
MOORE, CHRISTY The Christy Moore Song Book
MOYLAN, TERRY Irish Dances
THOMPSON, GEORGE Traditional Irish Recipes

HISTORY

LYONS, F.S.L. Ireland Since the Famine
MACARDLE, DOROTHY Tragedies of Kerry
KELLY, KEVIN The Longest War: N. Ireland
and the IRA
O'TUATHAIGH, Ireland before the Famine
GEAROID 1798 - 1848
SANDS, BOBBY One Day in My Life
O'MALLEY, ERNIE On Another Man's Wound
" " The Singing Flame

BIOGRAPHIES

BEHAN, KATHLEEN Mother of All the Behans
BEHAN, BRENDAN Borsal Boy
GELDOF, BOB Is That It?
NAN, JOYCE Traveller



EXHIBITION IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Exhibition of Irish books, records and tapes has now left Plumstead Public Library and is in Charlton Library until the beginning of the New Year. We hope to get it along to Greenwich Library as well. Those of you living in Greenwich could help by asking your librarian to have the Exhibition. So far it has been very successful with the libraries reporting a large interest in both the books and records, so hopefully it will encourage them to keep a large stock of Irish books in future.

IRISH ASPECTS AND IRISH LANGUAGE COURSES



I thought you may be interested in hearing about the Irish Aspects Course I've been attending at Goldsmiths College in New Cross. I joined this course in September because I'd heard that it wasn't too stuffy or academic and would cover a variety of different aspects of Ireland and the Irish culture.

So far we've had speakers on women and Irish music and drama and all of us on the course are involved in planning the content for next term. I've found it interesting and varied and I now know more about the Irish Suffrage Movement as well as what all the fiddly bits on the Uilleann Pipes are for! The atmosphere is very good so there's no need to be afraid to ask questions. Usually after expanding our education the class retires to the pub to discuss the finer points of what we've learned - so the crack is good as well.

There are also two Irish Language courses in Goldsmiths College for beginners and the more advanced, I hear these courses are well worth attending also although I haven't sampled them myself. Both the language and Aspects course are held on Monday nights and if any of you are interested in joining contact the College in New Cross, London SE 14 6NW. 01- 692 7171.



Book Review

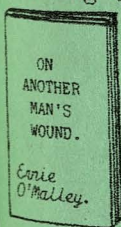
ERNIE O'MALLEY: 'ON ANOTHER MAN'S WOUND.'. Anvil Press.

This book covers the turbulent period of Irish history between 1916 and 1921. O'Malley, the son of a well to do loyalist family joins the Irish Volunteers (later the Irish republican Army) and becomes a full time organiser travelling throughout Ireland assessing and advising Volunteer Units while also taking an active part in many of the fights against the British Forces.



'On Another Man's Wound' gives a detailed description of how the movement was built, the relationship between the Volunteers and the people, and the changing and evolving tactics of a Guerilla War. On these grounds alone the book is of historical interest, but O'Malley also has a keen eye for the beauty of the Irish countryside. As he travel from county to county through the changing seasons, his vivid portrayal of the country and it's people bring to life the Ireland of seventy years ago.

In his accounts of military action against the British Forces, O'Malley neither glorifies himself nor the war, but his terse and graphic narration throws light on the courage of the badly armed and equiped farmers who became soldiers of the Republic.

For anyone interested in Irish history 'On Another Man's Wound' illuminates a crucial period which has all too often been ignored or overlooked.



SCAFFOLDING



Masons, when they start upon a building,
Are careful to test out the scaffolding;
Make sure that planks won't slip at busy
points,
Secure all ladders, tighten bolted joints.
And yet all this comes down when the job's
done,
Showing off walls of sure and solid stone.
So if, my dear, there sometimes seems to be
Old bridges breaking between you and me
Never fear. We may let the scaffolds fall
Confident that we have built our wall.

- Seamus Heaney.

THE CROPPY BOY

'Twas early, early in the spring
The birds did whistle and sweetly sing
Changing their notes from tree to tree,
And the song they sang was old Ireland free.

'Twas early, early on a Tuesday night
When the Yeoman caverly gave me a fright,
To my misfortune and sad downfall
I was taken prisoner by Lord Cornwall:

'Twas in his guard-house where I was laid.
And in his parlour I was tried
My sentence passed and my spirits low,
When to New Geneva I was forced to go.

When I was marching over Wexford Hill,
Oh, who could blame me to cry my fill
I looked behind, I looked before,
But my tender mother I ne'er saw no more.

Farewell father and mother too,
And sister Mary I have none but you
And for my brother, he's all alone,
He's pointing pikes on the grinding stone.

'Twas in old Ireland this young man died
And in old Ireland his body's laid
All the good people that do pass by,
Pray the Lord have mercy on the Croppy Boy.

- This song dates back to 1798. New Geneva is near Passage, Co. Waterford and the British used the place as a prison and a torturehouse

DICEY RILEY

Ah, poor old Dicey Riley she has
taken to the sup,
And poor old Dicey Riley she will
ever give it up,
It's off each morning to the pop
and then she's in for another little
drop,
Ah, the heart of the rowl is Dicey Riley

She walks down Fitzwilliam Street with
an independant air,
And then it's down to Summerhill
at her the people stare,
She says "It's nearly half past one,
So I'll nip in for another little one"
Ah, the heart of the rowl is
Dicey Riley.

She owns a little sweetshop at the
corner of the street,
And every evening after school I go
to wash her feet.
She leaves me there to mind the shop,
While she nips in for another little
drop,
Ah, the heart of the rowl is Dicey
Riley.

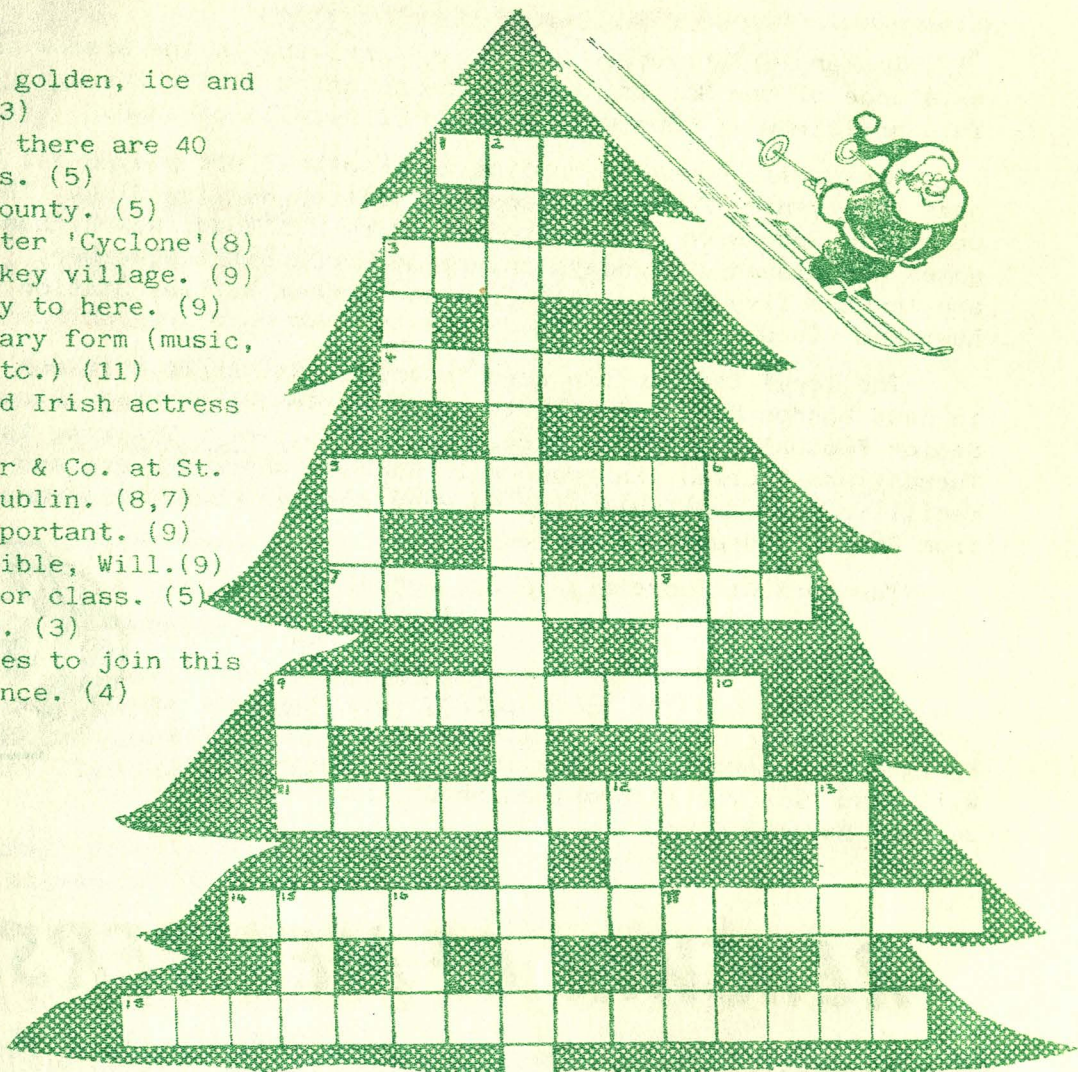
- ** The 'heart of the rowl' (roll) is more than likely referring to a roll of tobacco which Dicey chewed.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

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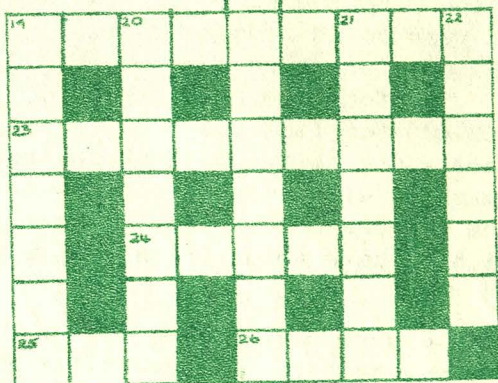
ACROSS:

1. Ireland has a golden, ice and bronze one. (3)
3. The song says there are 40 shades of this. (5)
4. A Connaught County. (5)
5. County of Ulster 'Cyclone'(8)
7. Northern whiskey village. (9)
9. Its a long way to here. (9)
11. In the customary form (music, song, dance etc.) (11)
14. Lamented, famed Irish actress (7,7)
18. Home of Arthur & Co. at St. James Gate, Dublin. (8,7)
19. Head, most important. (9)
23. Part of the Bible, Will.(9)
24. Select group or class. (5)
25. Juvenile goat. (3)
26. Ireland refuses to join this western alliance. (4)



DOWN:

2. Irish sporting body founded in 1884. (6,8,11)
3. Piped 'crack'. (3)
5. Unruly crowd. (3)
6. None. (3)
8. Father of the Swan Children (3)
9. Tiny child or drink. (3)
10. Japanese longing. (3)
12. Multi-National Computer Firm. (3)
13. The Titanic was a passenger one. (5)
15. Lodging House. (3)
16. A busy insect. (3)
17. Ireland's public transport network. (3)
19. Ireland's patron. (7)
20. In place of. (7)
21. Something from Santa. (7)
22. Home of the source of the River Shannon. (6)



ALL ANSWERS TO BE SENT TO THE OFFICE BEFORE 31st JANUARY.

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GAELIC GAMES in GREENWICH and surrounding areas

To many Irish people living and arriving in the Greenwich area the existence of the Gaelic Athletic Association in the Borough remains unknown. This article will hopefully give brief details of same.

The Gaelic games of Hurling and Football are played all over London with some thirty-nine Football Clubs and fifteen Hurling Clubs. The local G.A.A. Ground in Greenwich is situated at Avery Hill Road, New Eltham SE 9 where games are played on Sundays only from March until November. These grounds are about a five minute walk from New Eltham Railway Station or direct from Lewisham via No. 12 Bus.

The local team in the area is called St. Annes. It was founded in 1955 in East London but currently is based at Brockley SE 4. St. Annes are a Senior Football Club with a reserve second team. Training takes place each Tuesday and Thursday in grounds in Hackney where showers and dressing room facilities are available from Hackney Borough Council. Transport is organised from Brockley departing at 7pm.

The current Secretary of St. Annes is:
Willie Duggan,
270 Brockley Rd.,
London SE 4.
Phone: 691 1195



For anyone interested in Hurling, Mr. Duggan will also give you information about the nearest Hurling Club.

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

SURPRISE! SURPRISE! The time has come for members to renew their subscription to the Project. The Membership Fee is not changing from last year so it remains at :

£1.00 for waged
.50p for unwaged
£2.00 for families

Unfortunately due to the cost of postage and production only our paid up members will receive our Newsletter in the future and you don't want to miss out on that! Members also receive any other information we have about Irish events on in the Borough or London wide.

At present we have over 250 members and it is important that all these plus new members join again for the coming year. The more members we have the more clout we'll have in influencing Council policies.

The AGM for the Project is planned for early Spring '87 and all paid up members can come along to elect the new Management Committee. If anyone is interested in joining the committee give us a ring or call into the office and we will give you an idea of what it entails.

REMEMBER THE PROJECT CAN ONLY BE AS GOOD AS THE COMMITTEE
AND MEMBERS MAKE IT!

DON'T FORGET



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AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT.

-) To promote the social and cultural awareness of Irish people.
-) To combat discrimination, disadvantage and anti-Irish racism.
-) To insure all policies and activities of the Project do not discriminate on the grounds of race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or disability.
- i) To create a greater awareness of Irish culture, literature and history.
- e) To carry out research into areas of need in the Greenwich Irish community.
- f) To work towards a fair share of resources for the Irish in Greenwich.
- g) To develop new resources and co-ordinate existing resources to meet the needs of the Irish community in Greenwich.
- h) To establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre, and to manage or co-ordinate with any appropriate statutory authority in maintenance and management of such a Centre for activities promoted by the Project and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the objects of the Project.
- i) The Project shall promote racial harmony and shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion.
- j) The Project shall promote a policy of equal opportunities.

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANYONE SUPPORTING THE ABOVE AIMS. MEMBERS CAN ENJOY REDUCED ADMISSION TO SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS RUN BY THE PROJECT AS WELL AS RECEIVING A REGULAR NEWSLETTER AND HAVING A RIGHT TO VOTE AT A.G.M.'s



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THE IRISH IN GREENWICH PROJECT.

Contrary to popular opinion there is a large Irish community in the Borough of Greenwich, with 8,000 Irish born and over 20,000 of Irish descent spread throughout Greenwich.

In 1983 a group of local Irish people got together and organised a public meeting to ensure that there would be some provision made for the social and cultural needs of Irish people. A steering committee was elected and formed the Irish in Greenwich Project.

Since then the project has succeeded in gaining funding to run an office and employ two full time workers. The project was initially funded by the G.L.C. and later by the Borough of Greenwich. The two workers are Sarah Kelleher from Cork and Mickey Kelly from County Down.

The project now has over 250 members and in February of this year a new committee was elected, with Helen O'Keeffe as chair. The next A.G.M. will be held early in 1987, and we would hope to see some of our new members standing for posts on the committee.

Eventually the project would like to see an Irish centre established in the Borough, Irish history and culture reflected in our schools, regular music, dancing, drama and poetry events, but this depends on as many Irish people as possible becoming involved to show that we care about our cultural heritage.

The project office is situated on the second floor of the Greenwich Council for Racial Equality building 115-123 Powis street, Woolwich. (above Argos.) If you would like more information please give us a ring, or call into the office.



IRISH IN GREENWICH project

PRESENTS

The Irish in Greenwich Project has been holding Traditional Irish music Sessions for the past few months in the SPANISH GALLEON PUB in Greenwich. Usually they are held on a Thursday night and so far have been very successful with a variety of musicians coming along and joining in the crack.

We hope to continue these sessions in the New Year and we have already planned our first for '87 to be on THURSDAY 15th JANUARY at 8.30pm. New musicians are always welcome as are singers. If you are only learning an instrument then you are still welcome to come and join in.

A special 'THANKS' to Donal Dirrane the Landlord of the Spanish Galleon for all his help and support in organising these sessions.

Traditional Irish folk session.



**THURSDAY 15TH JAN.
FROM 8:30PM**



IN
The Spanish Galleon

48, CHURCH STREET,
GREENWICH, LONDON SE10

floor singers &

musicians welcome.

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