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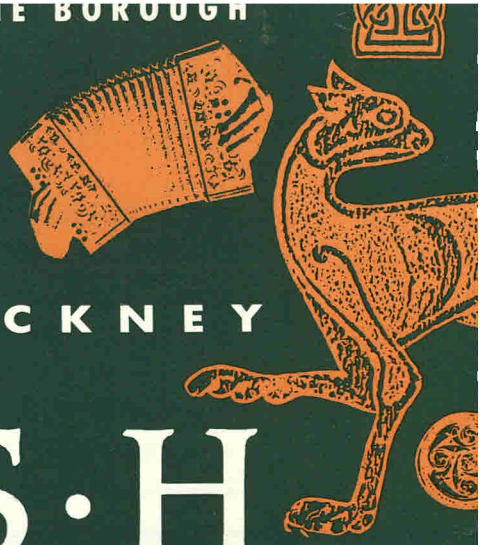
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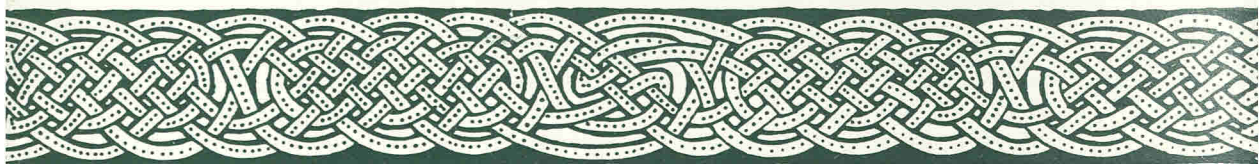
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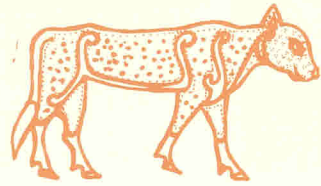
4 - 12 FEBRUARY 1989

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It is a great honour to be able to launch the first-ever Hackney Irish Festival, being held between 4-12 February 1989. I have long looked forward to the day when the Irish in Hackney could come together to celebrate a unique cultural heritage and identity with an exciting programme of events that would tempt even the most unadventurous out-of-doors.

The richness of Irish talent on display is impressive. It is a celebration of all things Irish, from the first Annual Sean McBride Memorial Lecture to entertainment from internationally – renowned musicians; from paintings to Gaelic sports; from Irish language theatre to video-screenings; from writers' events to advice sessions; and from Irish cabaret acts to ceilis.

Hackney Council has given some financial backing for the festival, and we have had the support of some Irish businesses, but even so it has all been put together on a shoestring budget. What we have lacked in cash, however, we have more than made up for in the talent, expertise, energy and hard work invested by local Irish people in the project. Our thanks are due to them for making this festival an undoubtable success.

Over the centuries generations of Irish people have rolled up their sleeves, got to work and helped build up this country. It was not just bricks and mortar, motorways and the London Underground they helped build, either. They contributed in every sphere of life, from nursing the sick to fighting for a better deal for working class people within the Trade Union movement. And nowhere was their contribution felt more than in the East End of London.

But the Irish got little thanks. Today, as much as ever, we are targets





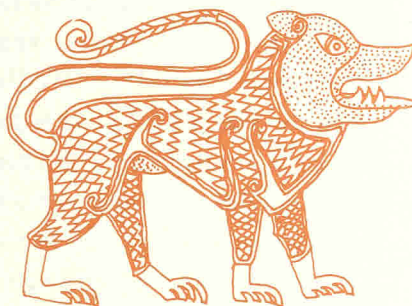
for hostility and prejudice, our labour is exploited, our views suppressed and our culture ridiculed.

In spite of this, the Irish identity is alive and strong – not just surviving, but developing all the time. Pride and interest in our Irish history and culture is an expression of this identity. We hope the festival will help provide a much-needed focus for Hackney's 20,000 Irish residents.

People are already beginning to talk about making the festival an annual event and also about forming a new organisation to bring attention to the needs and aspirations of the Irish in Hackney. Check the programme for details of a Public Meeting on March 1 to discuss this idea.

Councillor Tommy Sheppard

Chair of the Hackney Irish Festival Steering Group



S A T U R D A Y ④ F E B R U A R Y

12 Noon • Hackney Town Hall (steps)

Opening Ceremony. Unveiling of flag.

10am-5pm • Hackney Urban Studies Centre

Irish Women Writers' Conference. For details phone Bridget O'Connor ☎ 254 9632.

10am-5pm • Hackney Town Hall

Exploring the Options on Housing. Advice and information day, organised by the Hackney branch of the Irish in Britain representation group.

Library opening times* • Hackney Central Library

Guildford 4 Exhibition. Runs till end of festival.

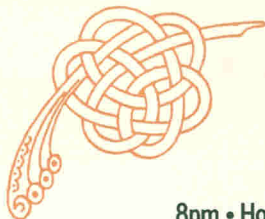
* 10am-7pm Mon & Tues/Closed Wed/1pm-7pm Thurs/10am-6pm Fri/9am-5pm Sat.

8pm (doors open)/8.30 (Ceili) • Hackney Town Hall

Grand Festival Opening Ceili. Live Bands.

For ticket and access details, phone ☎ 739 7600 X 2273 or ☎ 729 2090.
Tickets £1/50p concs.





8pm • Hoxton Hall

Mise Eiré – Reflections of Ireland. Music/poetry/song. Presented by Peggy McCarthy. For details phone ☎ 739 5431. Tickets £3.50/£2 concs.

Library opening times • Hackney Libraries

Irish Book Displays and Irish Music Catalogue. Throughout the week in the borough's libraries. Special record and cassette catalogue available. For opening times phone ☎ 985 8262.

Library opening times* • Stoke Newington Library

The Irish in Hackney 1930-1970. Photographic exhibition all week

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The Irish in Hackney 1930-1970

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY



From 1pm • Clissold Park

Gaelic Football, Camogie. Competing for the Hackney Festival Trophy. Hot drinks available. (Organised by the Gaelic Athletic Association)

2pm • Clissold Park

Tug-O-War. Volunteers wanted for women's tug-o-war. For details phone John Hardiman ☎ 801 4069.

2.30pm • The Rio Cinema

The Dawning. (15), a new film set in rural Ireland in the 1920s.

4.15pm • The Rio Cinema

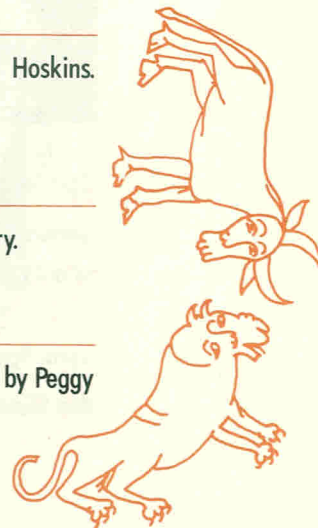
The Woman who Married Clark Gable, with Bob Hoskins.
A woman thinks her husband has become the romantic screen hero.

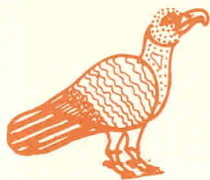
4.45pm • The Rio Cinema

The Dead (U), John Huston's film based on the James Joyce story.

8pm • Duke of Wellington

Mise Éiré – Reflections of Ireland. Music/poetry/song. Presented by Peggy McCarthy. Tickets £3/£2 concs.





MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY

9am-6pm • Hackney Town Hall

Construction Safety Campaign. Exhibition about deaths of Irish workers on building sites. From Monday 6 February – Friday 10 February. Representatives from the campaign available each evening from 5pm-6pm to talk to visitors.



The London Holy Show

7pm (doors open)/8pm (show) • Hackney Empire

London Holy Show. Old-style variety show, as seen on television featuring priests and nuns. Proceeds to St. Joseph's Hospice, Hackney.

7pm-9pm • Duke of Wellington

Mo Shaol Féin. An Irish language production presented by Dúchas Theatre.

7pm • Stoke Newington Town Hall

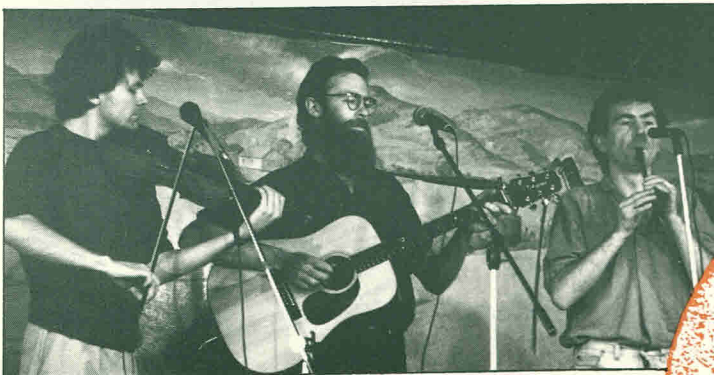
Rough Justice. A new play, "The Birmingham Six," performed by Sheffield Campaign Theatre. Live entertainment, speakers. For details phone ☎ 607 3781. Tickets £2/£1 concs.

8pm • CLR James Library (1st floor)

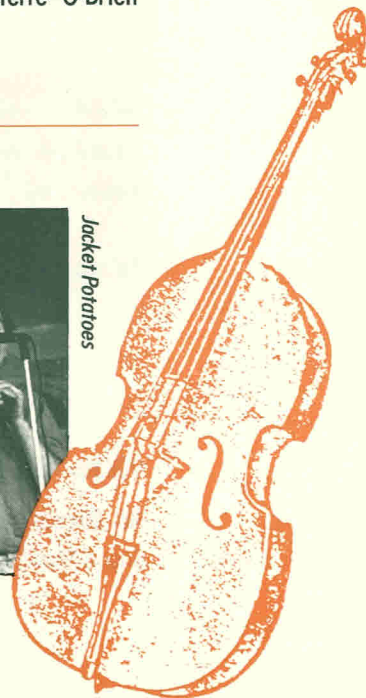
The First Dáil Eireann. A talk by Michael O'Callanaian, who is writing a booklet about the 70 year history. Organised by the Bronterre O'Brien Committee.

9.30pm • Duke of Wellington

The Jacket Potatoes, an Irish band.



Jacket Potatoes



T U E S D A Y 7 F E B R U A R Y

6pm-10pm • Hackney Town Hall

Safety at Work. Speakers, video, exhibition, public meeting concerning dangers facing workers on building sites. Organised by the Trade Union Support Unit, the Construction Safety Campaign and IBRG. Refreshments. For details phone Mark Metcalf ☎ 249 6930/8086.

7pm-9pm • Duke of Wellington

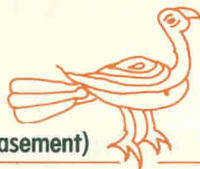
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Tim O'Grady

9.30pm • Duke of Wellington

An Evening with Tim O'Grady. Tim was closely associated with the old Sagan Theatre. He will be reading from his new novel "The Motherland".



7.30pm • The Video Lounge, Rio Cinema (basement)

Mother Ireland. Video screening of Channel 4 programme banned under the new censorship laws. It examines images and music that personify Ireland as a woman. Bernadette McAlisky and Mairaed Farrel both appear in the programme. A discussion follows with a representative from the Campaign for Broadcasting Freedom. Phone the Women's Media Resource Project ☎ 254 6536 to book places. (Also being screened 14 February 7.30pm). Tickets £2/£1.50 concs.

Museum opening times * • Hackney Museum

Over Here, Over There. An exhibition from 7 February – 4 March 1988 by Irish artists, Oisín Breatnach, Deirdre O'Mahony and Kathleen Mullaniss. Sponsored by Ryan Air. Co-presented by Hackney Council and the London Borough of Brent. For details phone ☎ 986 6914.

(Exhibition continues from 13 March – 15 April at Grange Museum of Community History, Neasden Lane, NW10 ☎ 908 7432).

* 10am–12.30pm & 1.30pm–5pm Tues–Fri/1.30pm–5pm Sat



W E D N E S D A Y 8 F E B R U A R Y

7pm-9pm • Duke of Wellington

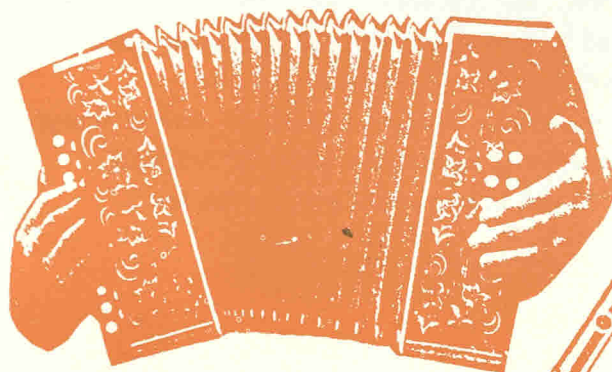
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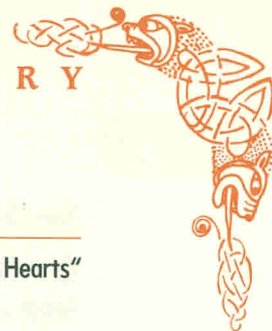
Bodhran and Binlids. Women's Ceili Band.

8pm • Halkevi Community Centre

A Comhaltas Evening. Traditional music night organised by the Siobhan O'Donnel School and the North London branch of Comhaltas, (including the All-Ireland Traditional Music Champions 1988.) Tickets £1.50.



THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY



7pm (doors open)/8pm (show) • Hackney Empire

Donal Lunny and Liam O'Flynn. Formerly of "Planxty" and "Moving Hearts" fame. Box Office ☎ 985 2424. Tickets £5/£4 concs.

Donal Lunny and Liam O'Flynn



7pm • Magpie & Stump/Nice Little Earner

Irish menu and Irish entertainment all week. The Magpie and Stump is at 132 Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 and The Nice Little Earner is at 281 Kingsland Road, E8. For details ☎ 739 6491.



7pm (doors open)/7.30pm (lecture) • Hackney Town Hall

First Annual Sean McBride Memorial Lecture. Speaker – Proinsias Mac Aonghusa, a distinguished historian and McBride's First Secretary at the United Nations. (The Irish Ambassador will be in attendance).



The Tinker's Wedding

7pm (doors open)/8pm (show) • Hackney Empire

"The Tinker's Wedding" by J.M. Synge and **"Eoin of the Birds"** by Padraig Pearse. Presented by the Irish Drama and Folk Dance Company.

10pm (doors open)/10.30pm (show) • Hackney Empire

Irish 'New Variety' Night. Late-night comedy cabaret. Starring Sean Hughes, John Moloney, Michael Redmond, plus others. Bar till 1am. Box Office ☎ 985 2424.

10am-4pm • London Irish Women's Centre

Open Day. Workshops on video, housing, Irish lesbians, photography etc. Readings by Irish women writers. Moy McCrory signs copies of her new book *Welfare*, DHSS and housing advice (especially for elderly women). Creche, refreshments, children's entertainment. For details phone ☎ 249 7318.

11.15pm • The Rio Cinema

U2. Rattle and Hum. (PG) stars the ultimate Irish rock band on tour in North America.

The Courier (15), a stylish thriller about a motor-cycle messenger and a drugs ring in Dublin. Box Office ☎ 254 6677.



The Courier



U2. Rattle and Hum



SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY

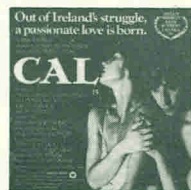
From 1pm • Clissold Park

Gaelic Football, Camogie. Competing for the Hackney Festival Trophy. Hot drinks available. (Organised by the Gaelic Athletic Association)



Hurling in Hackney in the 1950's

CAL



2pm • The Rio Cinema

Cal (15), a painful and passionate film drama set in Northern Ireland.

4pm • The Rio Cinema

The lonely passion of Judy Hearne (15), another film in a tragic vein set in Dublin starring Maggie Smith and Bob Hoskins. Box Office ☎ 254 6677.



ADDRESSES AND ACCESS DETAILS OF MAIN VENUES

Clissold Park, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16

Flat paved pathways.

CLR James Library, (1st floor), Dalston Lane, E8

First floor not accessible.

Duke of Wellington, 119 Balls Pond Road, N1

Flat access. Wide toilets, but not adapted. Fair parking. No loop system.

Hackney Central Library, Mare Street, E8

Handrails both sides. Many unavoidable steps, difficulties for wheelchair users.

Hackney Empire, Mare Street, E8

Phone for access details ☎ 985 2424.

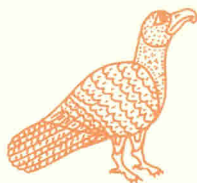
Hackney Museum, Central Hall, Mare Street, E8

Wheelchair access from Valette Street.

Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street, E8

During the day, building has access via side door. Handrails both sides, adapted toilet, nearby parking, lift accessible to all floors. At evening functions, it is likely part of the building is sectioned off. Please phone ☎ 739 7600 X 2273 or ☎ 729 2090 for access details.





Hackney Urban Studies Centre, 628 Lower Clapton Road, E8
Restricted access to basement only until lift is installed. Adapted toilet.

Halkevi Community Centre, 92/100 Stoke Newington Road, N16
Small step/front entrance. No adapted toilet. Flat interior.

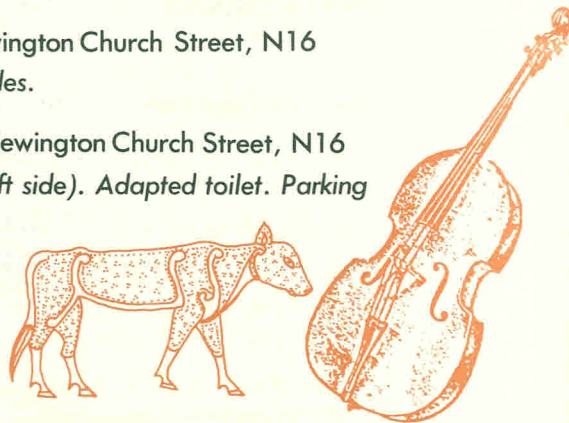
Hoxton Hall, 139 Hoxton Street, N1
Flat access. Adapted toilet.

London Irish Women's Centre, 59 Stoke Newington Road, N16
Wheelchair access to ground floor. Flat access from street Hand-rails around interior and front door. Adapted toilet.

Rio Cinema, 107 Kingsland Road, E8
4 wheelchair spaces in auditorium. 1 toilet wheelchair access.
Induction loop system. Short ramp to gain access to building – staff will help. If you prefer phone ☎ 249 2722.

Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16
Wheelchair access. Handrails both sides.

Stoke Newington Town Hall, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16
Entrance has steps and handrails (left side). Adapted toilet. Parking nearby.





A N I M P O R T A N T I N V I T A T I O N

Irish people who live or work in Hackney are invited to a Special Public Meeting organised by the Festival Committee on 1 March at 7pm at Hackney Town Hall to launch an Irish in Hackney association. The aim is to focus attention on the needs and aspirations of the Irish community as a whole.

If you care about the Irish in Hackney and want to see changes, please come along and share your views.

For more details phone Geraldine Doyle, ☎ 985 7825





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