

## THE LEITRIM ASSOCIATION IN LONDON 1981

At a meeting of the association on 18<sup>th</sup> . May '81 in the Irish Centre the following members attended:-

The Chairman : Michael Winters.  
The Treasurer : Father J, Butler.  
The Secretary : Doris Daly.

Members:

Michael Mulvanerty : Tommy Maguire : John McGarry : Mr. & Mrs. Seamus Ryan  
Mr. & Mrs, Cathal Mulvanerty.

Copies of the minutes were handed out to the members. M. Mulvanerty proposed the minutes be "taken as read" to save precious time, this was accepted by the the chairman and the Agenda was introduced.

The Social:

This was a very successful event and gave much satisfaction to the members. Five new members were introduced into the association by the secretary and an overall profit was shown.

Bryan Dolan , a native of Leitrim supplied the music and song in grand style and a great time was had by all.

The Chairman gave a breakdown of costs :- Band £90.00 ,+ Advertising £45.00 + Goods Ruffled £14.00. On the Credit side , Sale of tickets £ Raffle £  
This gave a profit of £ .

### THE DINNER AND DANCE (SILVER JUBILEE)

The GUEST LIST was read over, and amended to include a further four invitations that had been omitted previously. List attached herewith.

THE IRISH BISHOPS:

A reply had not been received from the Most Rev Dr. C. Daly Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnoise nominating his deputy. After discussion the Secretary agreed to write again to the Bishop requesting a reply in all haste. Also to advise him in advance of the proposed Dinner Dance 15<sup>th</sup>. October '81, and to request a Deanery re union and Mass on <sup>16<sup>th</sup></sup> 15<sup>th</sup> . October.

Dr. McKiernan's deputy had been nominated in a telephone call to the chairman After discussion it was agreed to accept the nominee Father Phair as 'a fait accompli'. Father Phair was a native of Cavan and it would have been more acceptable to the committee members had a Leitrim native Priest been selected. In future, it was suggested, that a clear stipulation in favour of a native Leitrim priest be boldly made to the Bishops. (Michael Mulvanerty)

THE MENU:...

Prawn Coctail: Sirloin of Beef : Vegetables in Season : Ice Cream Bombe :  
Michael Mulvanerty had grave exception to the Ice Cream and put forward several points against this sweet. Sherry Trifle was much more acceptable The Chairman agreed to discuss a change of Sweet with the Manager before the next meeting. This was accepted by all. It was also suggested that a choice of TEA or Coffee is available after the dinner. RED and White wine on all tables.

PUBLICITY.

The advertising in the Irish Post and the Editorial in the Leitrim Observer, The Secretary agreed on telephone sales to all members past and present, using the records to hand . Father' Butler's Journalistic contribution to the Leitrim Observer in the recent past had done much to publicise the Silver Jubilee Dance and the work of the Association , he was commended on his splendid work ; The chairman would do "telephone sales"., and all the members would sell tickets by personal contact.  
The Secretary designed posters which would be available soonest.



The Luton Connection.

The proposed coachload from Luton was discussed at great length , being mindful that our guest list included Luton business man Tom Clancy Esq. Tom Maguire pointed out that it would be unfair to those who bought tickets at the full rate, if a reduction was made on the tickets for the Luton personnel . . Seamus Ryan proposed a £1 per capita allowance be made towards the COST of the coach. This proposal was discussed by all and accepted as a sound and fair proposition . The chairman seconded the proposal and asked the secretary to inform Luton and do the "horse trading". The Secretary agreed. ✓

THE SPONSORS.

The chairman reported that he was getting a very favourable response from the The National Carriers, and Irish Life Insurance was very receptive indeed. Results will be discussed in hard cash terms at next meeting. It was suggested that Jerry Feeney B&I be invited to the Dinner and requested to present the prizes after dinner. The chairman would investigate this ASAP.

THE HISTORY.

Father Butler reported back that a 600 x 72 page Booklet would cost <sup>£12.00</sup> £12,000 that equals out at £2.00 per book. This sum was indeed vast and a "second think" would be made of the proposals to date. However Advertising Revenue would bring in a large sum. Father Butler had already sent out 135 letters to businesses seeking to sell space in the proposed History. A decision would be made on the results of this operation. In the mean time 'Carte Blanch' was given to THE TRIO who would be responsible for the compiling of the History The trio being : Father Butler Jim Fox and Michael Mulvanerty. They would report back on progress to the committee proper as the work progressed.

THE SPONSORED WALK June 7th REGENTS PARK.

All members took sponsors cards and agreed to participate, in some measure.

THE IRISH LIFE GOLFING TOURNAMENT.

Father Butler agreed to compete at the one day event at Foxhills Sunningdale June 16th. and would report back at a later date.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The chairman read out a letter from the 'H' BLOCK protest committee London. (from an address at 2a St. Paul's Road, N.1.) it was not commented on.

The meeting ended on a note of achievement. The next meeting 1st. June.

Proposed by Michael Mulvanerty  
Seconded by Tom Maguire

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