

THE WATERFORD ASSOCIATION  
LONDON

(Affiliated to the Council of Irish County Associations)

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Dear Member,

The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 14th December 1969 at the Irish Centre, Camden Town. Time 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. There will be a Film Show - Teas - Cakes - Toys. It's hoped to provide every child attending with a gift. Any member of the Association who wishes to give a present can send it to the Hon. Sec. or take it to the Centre on Sunday 14th December.

The Bacon & Cabbage Dinner will take place at The Irish Centre on Saturday, 20th December. Time 7.45 p.m. till Midnight. The Proceeds from this Dinner will be sent to His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. M. Russell for the Poor and the Aged of the Diocese. Tickets are £1 each and we are committed to 200 sitting down. Any person who wishes to attend would be advised to book early.

On Sunday 11th January 1970 at 3 p.m. The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at The Irish Centre. At this meeting the election of Officers and Committee will take place and it's in your hands that the right men and women are elected to guide the Association for the year 1970. I would like to make an earnest appeal to all members of the Association to do their utmost to attend this A.G.M. so help to keep and help to make our County one of the best in London. During the year 1969 both Dr. Russell and Dr. Armstrong and other Civic leaders have appealed to Waterford people in London to join the Association.

The Re-Union Dinner held at The Tower Hotel, Waterford was an outstanding success, both socially and financially. On behalf of all those who attended I wish to pay tribute to The Lady Mayoress Mrs. W. Jones for her wonderful help to make the first Re-Union a memorable one. To all the firms and business people who provided the gifts our appreciation and thanks. A word of thanks to Mrs. Mai O'Higgins, Hon. Sec. Dublin Association for her help and co-operation. The date and venue for next years Re-Union will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting. In connection with this re-union a cheque for £20 was donated to the Mentally Handicapped in Dungarvan and the City.

A Special Benefit Dance will be held in St. Peters Parish Hall, Anglesea Road, Woolwich, S.E.18. on Thursday 11th December 1969. This Benefit Dance is to help Jim Lyons, formerly of Dungarvan, who is very ill. The Committee requests any member that can attend to do so or send a donation. Dancing 8 - 11.30 p.m. - Bar - Admission 6/-.

The Annual Dinner Dance held at Hammersmith Town Hall on Saturday 25th October was once again an outstanding event. The general verdict was that the Dinner was the best ever. On behalf of the Committee and members I wish to thank the Ballyhassy Group who travelled specially to provide the entertainment and to Mr. Tom Healy and M/S Waterford Glass. I also wish to thank our distinguished Guests who travelled from Home and His Worship The Mayor & Mayoress of Hammersmith and our Guests from London.

The first Function in 1970 will take place at The Irish Centre on Saturday, 7th March. Full details of this and other functions will be announced after the A.G.M.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Nellie Stone on the death of her Father and to Mrs. Carmel O'Regan on the death of her Uncle. May they both Rest in Peace. Holy Mass will be offered at a later date.

As we are now approaching the Holy Season of Christmas, I take the opportunity of wishing each and every member and friends a Holy and Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks for your co-operation during the past year. I wish to thank my fellow members on the Committee for their help during my term of office. To those friends who provided gifts, transport and who helped to make every function we put on a success.

Thank you,

Jim Griffin