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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2006

Greetings to everyone and hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer. With Autumn upon us already, it's now a very busy time for our Committee as we prepare for our big event of the year.

Following our **Annual General Meeting** in April, it is with great pleasure that I again take on the role of Chairperson. However, following the subsequent resignations, our current Officers are:-

Margaret Doyle – President
Claire Nolan Sturley – Chairperson
John Nolan – Vice Chair
Ned Dunbar – Treasurer
Catherina Clarke – Secretary

It is with regret that I inform you that we received resignations from Mrs. Mary O'Neill as Treasurer, Mr. Joe Monahan as Life President and Mrs. Clare Monahan as Hon. Secretary. A vote of thanks was given at our Committee Meeting on 11th July 2006, for the hard work and commitment given by all three over the past 20+ years. It was unanimously agreed that their dedication to the association will be greatly missed. On behalf of you all, I would like to say a huge `Thank You` to Mary, Clare and Joe for the collective `90` years they have given to our London Carlow Association, and I'm sure you will join me in wishing them every happiness in the future.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

We are delighted to announce that our Annual Dinner Dance will take place again this year at:

The McNamara Banqueting Suite
London Irish Centre
50 -52 Camden Square
London NW1

on SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 2006

(See attached Flyer)

Music is once again by that very popular Carlow Band “CUPLA” .

As an added bonus we are hoping to have young Derek Ryan along to sing `The Red, Yellow and Green` following the successful bid for a “Song for Carlow”.

Tickets are now available priced £25.00 each by contacting:

Margaret Doyle 0207 978 4643
Claire Sturley 0207 609 4650
Catherina Clarke 07789 226734

Tickets must be paid for in advance. Please make cheques payable to Co. Carlow Association London.

An excellent menu has been chosen, but if you have anyone with special dietary requirements eg. Vegetarian, please do not hesitate to let us know...in good time please...

If you are thinking of organising a Mini Bus please let us know and we can give you telephone numbers of interested people in your area.

In addition to representatives from both Carlow Town and County Councils our invited guests include Jimmy Doyle, Chairman of Bagenalstown Floral Festival Committee, and Johnny and Eamon Treacy, two great Carlow ploughmen who have been Irish National Champions on numerous occasions. Eamon is currently Irish National Champion and will defend his title at the 75th National Ploughing Championships and represent Ireland in the (2006) World Contest to be held in Carlow from 27th-30th September).

Follow me up to Carlow !!

Following an initiative by London, Birmingham and Manchester Carlow Associations with The Irish National Ploughing Association, we have now secured a stall at the World event in Carlow. This gives us a great opportunity to meet people in Carlow both resident and visiting, while promoting our Associations, furthering peoples understanding of the emigrants story and what it has meant to us and to them.

Delegates will represent each Association so if you are visiting Carlow then look us up at the **International Visitors Centre**, in the **Carlow County Tent** and join us for a cup of tea.

Bagenalstown River and Floral Festival

For many of us who made it home this summer the highlight was the 2nd Co. Carlow Emigrants Dinner Dance held in the Lord Bagenal Inn on 10th August. Over 100 people from home and abroad came together to enjoy a great social evening and meet up with old friends. The idea for an emigrant’s reunion came from Michael Lakes, Secretary of the BRFF. Michael, the brother of Mary O’Neill has been a regular attender along with his wife Colette, at our own Dinner Dance.

The event which was advertised in the local press and got extensive coverage in both “The Carlow People” and “The Nationalist”.

London “Irish” Festivals

Yes !!

We were there.....Southwark in early July and Crawley over the August Bank Holiday weekend

It was great to meet so many of you at the Carlow Stall at these festivals. Press coverage (even if some of the photos are scary) is always welcome, to let everyone know that us Carlovians are still around.

The Crawley Irish Festival was part of a weekend of events presented by the Celtic and Irish Cultural Society of which the Chairman is our very own John Nolan (Bagenalstown). Our Association has had very strong links with the Crawley Festival since its inception and we took great pride in presenting on your behalf the `County Carlow Assoc. London Challenge Trophy`, to the winners of the women's Gaelic Football match, on the day.

You will find lots of interesting information from Crawley at <http://www.celtic-irish.co.uk>

The Manchester Carlow Association Dinner Dance

Thanks to the Members who joined the Committee on the mini bus to Manchester in May. The occasion of their 15th Annual Dinner Dance was another great success for Carlow Association Manchester. Congratulations to Michael Connors (Chairman), and everyone involved. Music was provided by another great Carlow band `Identity` (who also played at the Lord Bagenal). It's always a great weekend spent in Manchester.

The Birmingham Carlow Association

Will be holding their Annual Dinner Dance in November. We will have full details soon and if anyone is interested we can give you contact details. Jimmy Kehoe (Carlow Town) is their Chairman.

Modern Communications

Please note our Email address is: **carlowlondon@yahoo.co.uk**

If you have an Email address, please let us have it. We are also in the process of bringing Carlow Assoc. London on-line. We look forward to being able to give you details of our website in due course.

100+ Club

We are still running our 100+ club. We now have 11 monthly draws for just £1 per month or be in for the 11 monthly draws for £10.00 if paid in advance. 50% of takings go in prizes and 50% goes to our Welfare Fund. You can join at anytime.....just contact our Secretary, Catherina, or if you think you can get others to join, let her know and she will send you a card to complete.

Membership of our Association

To those of you who are not Life Members your yearly subscription is now due.

£5.00 per family per year.

Alternatively for a one-off payment of **£25.00 you and your family can have Life Membership.**

Don't forget you have to be a paid up member by 1st Jan. in order to be eligible to vote at the AGM (usually March/April).

Just fill in the attached form and return to the Chairperson at the above address.

County Carlow Association London

Membership Form

NAME: -----

ADDRESS: -----

Tel/Mobile: -----

Email: -----

Townslend or Parish in Carlow : -----

Membership Fee: £5.00 per annum. Life Membership: £25.00

Cheques payable to : Co.Carlow Association London