

COUNTY CARLOW ASSOCIATION LONDON

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NEWSLETTER

January 2009

Dia Dhuibh a chairde go leir,
Ta súil agam go bhfuil sibh go maith,

Hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and the New Year has brought with it lots of happiness for you and your families.

40th Annual Dinner Dance

We are delighted to say our **40th Annual Dinner Dance**, held on the 11th October 2008 in the London Irish Centre in Camden, was a great success. We thank all those members, guests, friends and supporters who joined us and helped make the evening so enjoyable. Already we are planning towards our next annual dinner dance which will be held on **Saturday 17th October 2009 at the LIC.**

Our Annual General Meeting (2009)

Our AGM will be held on **Tuesday 3rd March at 8pm** at The London Irish Centre, 50-52 Camden Sq, London NW1. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible and catch up over a cup of tea.

CCAL Website

Many of you have "checked out the website" and the feedback to date is very positive. The website as you know is a "work in progress" and we welcome contributions and ideas. If you have not already seen it (or logged on) why not ask a friend or family member to check it out for you, it makes very interesting reading: www.carlowassociationlondon.co.uk
If you have an email address, why not email us and we can then send you our E-Newsletter (saving us some time and money). Email to carlowlondon@yahoo.co.uk

Annual St. Patrick's Banquet

Organised by the Council of Irish County Associations will be held on **Saturday 14th March 2009** in the London Irish Centre, Camden. Reception: 7.30pm for 8pm. Tickets @ £35.00 each. Why not join us to make up a Carlow table. Contact our Association Chair (Claire Nolan Sturley) if interested.

St. Patrick's Day Parade in London

Sunday 15th March 2009 starting from Hyde Park Corner at 12 noon passing by Piccadilly Circus, Lower Regent Street, Trafalgar Square and finishing in Whitehall. The Parade includes marching bands, colourful costumes, community groups, pageantry and floats with Irish music and dancers. Thousands line the streets to watch and cheer on this colourful spectacle. This year we are delighted to be entering a '**Carlow Float**' in the parade. Of course we will also have our usual **walking contingent** following our **Carlow Banner**. It should all be great fun. We will be there hail, rain or shine. Please join us if you can, everyone is welcome. Wear Carlow colours if you dare.

Irish Festivals - Summer 2009

Members will be attending the:

**Southwark Irish Festival (Peckham Rye) in July 2009 and
The Crawley Irish Festival – August 30th 2009.**

Come and visit us at the **Carlow stall** or join us and help out on the day.

Dates to Remember for your Diary:

AGM	3 rd March 2009 at 8.00 pm. (London Irish Centre, Camden)
St. Patrick's Banquet	14 th March 2009 (London Irish Centre, Camden)
St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival	15 th March leaving Hyde Park Corner at 12.00 noon
CCAL Annual Dinner Dance	17 th October 2009 (London Irish Centre, Camden)

Council of Irish County Associations Heritage Project

As we told you in September, The Council of Irish County Associations have been successful in their application to the Dion Fund under the criteria for cultural and heritage projects. The aim of the CICA project is to try and recover the records of the County Associations and house them in the Archive of the Irish in Britain at London Metropolitan University. The information compiled will be stored on disc and available for public access at the Archives.

Following the meeting with the staff from the London Metropolitan University on Tuesday 21st October at the London Irish Centre Camden, we ask you all to submit any relevant material you have e.g. minutes, brochures, old menu cards, newspaper cuttings and of course photos. For further information phone Claire on 020 7609 4650 or 07958 978486, or contact any member of our committee, we can arrange collection if necessary.

CCAL Officers:

Margaret Doyle – President

Bill Schwab – Vice President

Claire Nolan Sturley – Chairperson

John Nolan – Vice Chair

Ned Dunbar – Treasurer

Catherina Clarke – Secretary

Noreen Nolan – Assistant Secretary

Christine O'Brien – PRO

Committee members:- Brenda Clarke, Jenny Schwab & Peter O'Brien, Cecilia Byrne

Ag súil go bhfeicidh mé sibh go luath

Slán anois

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Comhairle Cheatharlach i Londain

Tarim`dhiaidh suas go Ceatharlach