



Oxford Irish Society

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Thank you for joining the Irish Society for another year! If anyone has not received their membership card this year, please contact Rosemary Lynch on 01865 247926.

The committee wish to express most sincere thanks to Marge O'Toole who has stepped down from the committee after many years of dedicated service. The Society also welcomes new committee members Marcus, Michael, Tom and Ann.

Bear in my mind those who are sick within the Irish Community – please keep them in your prayers.

The Society wishes to express our sincere condolences to all those families and friends in the community who have lost loved ones since our last newsletter.

We have had a good response from members asking to receive future newsletters via email. If you too would like to save paper and receive future newsletters via email, please send an email to oxfordirishsociety@yahoo.co.uk

Also, if you would like to receive the newsletter in a larger font please let us know.

The committee have applied for funding from the Irish Government Dion Fund to help support the Over 50s events. We will not know for a few months if the application is successful but please join us in thanking new committee member Ann McArdle for finding all the necessary information and completing the forms on time. Thanks also to Dessie Farrell for bringing the fund to our attention.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 25th July: Cara Club coach trip to Weston-Super-Mare

The Cara Club (the new name for the Over 50s Club) have organised a coach trip to Weston-Super-Mare on 25th July. This event is open to all ages and is FREE to Oxford Irish Society members who are over 60. Please see the separate sheet for more information and details about other Cara Club events

Saturday 22 Aug: Oxford Irish Society and Eire Og present:

Tom Healey and His Band

Rover Social Club, Roman Way

Tickets: £7

To purchase tickets please contact

Ann McArdle 07736 246406 or Michael Gillen 07979 287661

Saturday 14th Nov: 15th Annual Dinner and Dance

The Oxford Centre, 333 Banbury Road

Five course meal followed by dancing to **Nathan Carter**

(played at Eire Og's 50th anniversary dinner and dance)

Irish dancing display by the Flanagan School

Tickets: Members: £30, non-members £32

Wednesday 17th March 2010: St Patrick's Day Dance

Rover Sport and Social Club, Roman Way

More details to come!

EVENTS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

St Patrick's Celebration Dance

A small crowd enjoyed the fabulous Frank Dempsey and band. The £50 lucky ticket winner was member Winnie Coyne. Marion Flanagan's Irish Dancers provided a fantastic display

2009 AGM: Election of Officers

President: Father Pat Armstrong

Chair: Fiona McDonagh; Secretary: Ruth Kelly; Treasurer: Rosemary Lynch

Committee members: Joan McKenna, Ann McArdle, Marcus Folan, Tom Kelly, Michael Gillen

If you missed the AGM and would still like to help with future events in the Irish Society please feel free to come along to a committee meeting – we meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 8.15pm for about one hour in the Gladiator Club, Iffley Road

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to Eire Og on their 50th anniversary which they celebrated with a fantastic dinner and dance.

New players are always welcome to the Eire Og training sessions at Horspath Road. Under 10 and Under 12 Teams train at 7.00pm every Wednesday, Senior Team trains at 7.00pm every Thursday
For further information please contact Marcus Folan on 07904 239782

Irish Language Lessons: Are you interested in learning how to speak Irish or developing the skills you already have? We have the opportunity to set up informal lessons so if you would like to join in please contact Fiona McDonagh by emailing oxfordirishsociety@yahoo.co.uk or calling 07958 542930

If you know of an event that other members might be interested in, please get in touch with any committee member and we'll try to include it in the next newsletter.

Also, if you would be willing to help the Society by placing a poster advertising future Irish Society events in your place of work, local school, local community area or any other poster board, please get in touch with Rosemary on 01865 247926. Thank you!

Local Information

Irish Eye with Henry Wymbs

BBC Radio Oxford 95.2 FM: Music and Chat from the Emerald Isles – Every Sunday 2– 5.

Phone: 08549 311 111

Oxford Irish Dancing Schools

Doyle Academy – 01865 873719

Marion Flanagan – 07971 035797

Maria Sweeney – 01865 773611

Set Dancers

Jim Flanagan – 01865 761677

Abingdon Group – 01235 520171