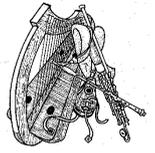




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1. Tineán online magazine is an initiative of the Australian Irish Heritage Network. This Melbourne based online magazine aims to continue the objectives of building and nurturing Australian-Irish subculture as well as the Irish diaspora in Australia.

It is available online – just type Tinean into your search engine to follow activities.

2. Club Matters and Members' News and Stories:

▪ **Heard at the October members' gathering:** In the pub, Paddy says, "If I was on a plane with a female pilot, I wouldn't feel safe."

Murphy replies, "What a bleedin' sexist you are, Paddy. I mean, it's not as if she'd have to reverse the damn thing!"

(My deepest apologies, ladies. Will try to get even with the men at a later date!)

▪ **The November Diary: Full Committee meeting:** Thursday 14th, 7.00pm; **Members' night** – Friday 29th from 5 – 8.00 pm give or take. **Financial members qualify for one drinks voucher: This will be our FINAL members' night for the year.**

▪ **Traditional Irish Music sessions** at 7.00pm EVERY Tuesday in the Michael Collins Bar. On-lookers and supporters welcome. **Genuine traditional Irish tunes** are played and sung in the place where 'atmosphere is everything'.

▪ **October Committee Meeting 1)** a full attendance; **2)** 101 financial members – 24 to resign; **3)** membership form to be updated; **4)** lease sub-committee report – renewal this December; **5)** building – dancing floor in front of stage needs repair as does the ceiling in one of the bedrooms – bar repair work in future; **6)** ramp quotes – quite a few thousand \$'s -to be decided; **7)** Paypal account to be set up for payment of monies to the Club; **8)** more James Joyce caps and hats to be ordered – almost sold out; **9)** Club badges to be investigated; **10)** Tommy Flemming coming to the Empire on 8th this month; **11)** apologies for lack of drinks vouchers at Oct. members' night – first time EVER!!; **12)** Annual Dinner – gift for guest speaker – good numbers booked to date – organisational details finalised – many thanks to Aileen, Margaret and Mary for their excellent sub-committee work.

Don't forget to keep the afternoon/evening of Sunday 8th December free for the Christmas Party.

▪ **Congratulations to all who helped in any way for the grand Annual Dinner last month. Record numbers enjoyed the company, the music, and Fr. Richard Leonard's media address.**

3. WWW Sites: The award winning **Atlas of the Irish Revolution** from Cork U.P. is the theme of a current exhibition in Cork: www.stpeterscork.ie

4. News from Ireland:

- The Brexit Irish border remains an issue – who knows where this will lead?
- Dublin now has a population of almost 1.4 million: 28% of the entire population of the country and an increase of 1.8% in the last 12 months.

5. Bits and Pieces:

- **An Irish Epitaph – Dublin:**
Thomas Tilson ESQ.
Who cheerfully resigned
This mortal life on
21ST November 1744.
- **Quote from James Joyce:** “I am tomorrow, or some future day, what I establish today. I am today what I established yesterday or some previous day.”
- Playwright George Bernard Shaw (1856 – 1950, is the only man to have been awarded a Nobel Prize for Literature (1925), AND an Oscar for best adapted screenplay, *Pygmalion* (1938).

6. Tings ‘Oirish:

- **Who said this?** “I have been three years in this country (Ireland) and never found a dull man.”
(The answer at the end of this newsletter.)
- **This month’s Irish Blessing:**
May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live.
- **Irish wisdom:** You’ll never plough a field by turning it over in your head.
- **Oscar Wilde (1854-1900) - monthly comment:** Art is the most intense mode of individualism that the world has known.
- **W. B. Yeats’ poem:** “A Prayer for Old Age.”

Thinks in a marrow-bone;
From all that makes a wise old man God guard me
from those thoughts men think
In the mind alone;
He that sings a lasting song
That can be praised of all; (Cont’d.)

- **This Month’s Limerick:**
Two tourists at fair Salthill Strand
Who tried to make love on the sand.
The Garda on duty
Said, “No, me proud beauties,
Them foreign contortions is banned.”

7. Irish History: Colonists and Defenders:

In Ulster, this widespread unrest had taken a sectarian turn, as the Protestant and Catholic lower orders clashed over employment and land. Out of this emerged the Orange order, devoted to the traditional Protestant supremacy, and the Defenders, their Catholic mirror image.
(Continued.)

8. Words from President, Tomas.

We have two social events coming up; our annual membership visit from the Scots (Caledonian and St Andrew) in November where we shout a round of proper whiskey, and the club Christmas Party. Please keep an eye out for the invitation and RSVP as required.

Tomas

(Answer: Lady Randolph, mother of Winston Churchill..)



Some photos from our recent Annual Dinner taken by Aileen Cater-Steel