



IRISH COMMUNITY CARE MERSEYSIDE

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SUMMER 2011

Newsletter

St. Patrick's Celebrations 2011; what a fabulous week!

Well over 100 people attended the ICCM and Age Concern UK Wigan/ Brian Boru joint St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Wigan. Representatives from the local council, schools, funding bodies, clergy, and local community participated in the event. Plans are in place to organise more joint cultural events in the summer.

From Kirkby to Wirral; all of the elders groups had fantastic St. Patrick's Day celebrations in music, song and dance.

ICCM's presence across Merseyside and beyond on 17th March to promote the Irish and Proud Census Campaign was phenomenal. From the early morning Merseyrail attendance to Liverpool city centre stalls (joined by ONS staff), Ashton, Kirkby, Picton, Forum Housing etc. we made the most of the opportunity to promote the census message as widely as possible. Thanks to all for their support. and hard work .

We look forward to the initial census data analysis in 2012 and we hope that our campaign will have proved successful.

A wonderful evening of music song and dance from our young people.....

11 young Irish Travellers aged 3 – 11 took part in the "Irishness in Liverpool" project developed in partnership with Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts. The production had its fabulous finale in St. Michaels Irish Centre in May.



GREAT NEWS!

ICCM are absolutely delighted to announce that we have received runner up prize in the **Merseyside Police Authority Community Awards for the Hate Crime on Trial Project**

and to have received the **Irish Youth Foundation Quality Award 2011.**

Irish Voices

ICCM Outreach Worker Geraldine Judge will be appearing in Liverpool Network Theatre Group's production of **Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night', or 'What You Will'**.

This is an open air production taking place in the following venues:

Lowlands, Hayman's Green, West Derby L12 7JG

Saturday 23rd July 2pm

and Sunday 24th July 2pm.

Reynolds Park, Woolton L25 4RF Friday

29th July 7pm

and Saturday 30th July 2pm.

Sudley House, Mossley Hill L18 8BX

Sunday July 31st 2pm.

Tickets are priced at £7 (£5 cons) and are available from News From Nowhere Bookshop on 96 Bold Street, Liverpool L1 4HY

Tel: 0151 708 7270 **and via the Theatre's website:**

www.liverpoolnetworktheatre.org.uk

Irish Voices held their last meeting Thursday May 19th. Two guest speakers attended, one from Liverpool Irish Festival, Cathy Butterworth, and Bob McGowan the Community Development Worker from ICCM.

Cathy spoke to the group about the different funded projects that LIF were offering and how the group could get involved. Following a discussion and lots of participation from the group it was decided they would like to do a project and call it a "Day in a Life" using story, photography, and drama. It was agreed that Cathy would attend the next meeting on 21st July to organise an event with Irish Voices. The group were also given the opportunity to volunteer on the day if they did not feel up to participating in a project.

Bob McGowan delivered a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Session with the group. It was welcomed by all and each member participated in the activities.



Alcohol Awareness Training delivered by Bob McGowan during the Irish Voices meeting.

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Liverpool Office Drop-In

Monday 1pm-3pm
Tuesday 9.30am-1.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am-1.30pm
Thursday closed
Friday 9.30am-1.30pm

Wirral Office Drop-In

Friday 10am-12pm

The Lauries Centre
142 Cloughton Road,
Birkenhead CH41 6EY
Tel: 0151 650 5440

Wigan Office Drop-In

Friday 1pm-4pm

The Brian Boru Club
55 Bryn Street,
Ashton-in-Makerfield WN4 9AX
Tel: 01942 717 999

Have Your Say

This is your opportunity to have your own say in the ICCM newsletter.

For enquiries email:

enquiries@iccm.org.uk

Or telephone 0151 237 3987

We look forward to hearing from you!

SEARCHING FOR JACKSON FAMILY

Seeking information about

Robert Jackson born in

Co. Antrim Belfast 1917

Parents: William & Edith

Served in World War 2

Please contact

Email:forcegail1@yahoo.co.uk

RE-MIND Meeting at

Toxteth Library

Windsor Street L8 1XF

17th August 1 – 3 pm

If you are a mental health service user/carers or interested community member please come to a friendly and informal meeting to talk about the present and future state of our health service. We need to decide on what we can do to influence change for the better – **and do it.**

For further information contact ICCM 0151 237 3987

A Tribute to Peter Caine

Peter was born in Barrow in Cumbria and adopted by the people of Birkenhead as one of their own. He was a much loved and well respected young man whose energies helped so many people through his voluntary work.

Sadly, Peter aged 27, was killed in an incident at his home on 11th May; ironically the victim of knife crime at a time when he was trying to start a project to tackle the issues of gun and knife crime

He inspired people young and old with his “hyperactive” love of life. Tributes and flowers have been left on the doorstep of Peter’s home in Market Street, Birkenhead.

Peter was always helping people whilst he, himself travelled the rocky journey called life. He will be greatly missed.

May he rest in peace; Codladh go sámh suaimhneach.



Wirral

The **Wirral Irish Group** have been raising funds for the Colimes Mission Project in Ecuador by holding raffles and collecting donations at their weekly gatherings at St Anne’s Parish Centre in Rock Ferry. Over the last year £9,590.00 was raised for the project; **WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT!** Future donations will go to the Puerto Quito mission, working to get the children into primary school.

Wirral Council has announced the launch of Neighbourhood Plans, a major new initiative to give local communities the power to design how Council resources are allocated in their neighbourhood. Further details will be posted on the Council website (www.wirral.gov.uk) and in the local press, in the coming weeks. It’s a great chance for our community to have our voices heard, so make sure you take part!

DRUMMING UP!

Free drumming lessons
in Wallasey -
Monday evenings
5pm - 6pm

For more information
please contact Bob on
07956 059 272 or Phil
on 07766 472 522

Wigan in Bloom

Thanks to funding from the local Councillor’s Brighter Borough Funding, ICCM were able to work with the Brian Boru Club to prepare and distribute to our older Irish/Irish Descent people strawberry hanging basket kits. Enough funding was received to produce 150 kits – hanging basket, compost, plants, which are to be planted up by the recipients and encourage healthier living and increase their wellbeing.

The twinning of Abram CE School with Cloonlyon School in Charlestown has now got underway with the first successful exchange of letters between the two groups of children. It is intended that ICCM will work with the cultural officer of the Brian Boru to arrange for Irish Cultural events, e.g. storytellers, dancers, and musicians etc to visit the school to explore the Irish Culture with the children. Abram is the scene of the Maypole Pit Disaster 103 years ago where the majority of those who died were Irish, and many of those were actually educated in Cloonlyon school, so the link is particularly poignant.

Irish Tuesday Group

St. Cecilia’s Parish Club,
Green Lane, Liverpool
L13 7DT Tel: 0151 228 1679

**Every Tuesday
11am-1.30pm**

Bingo, raffles, day trips,
refreshments

ICCM’s Thursday Group

St. Michael’s Irish Centre,
Boundary Lane, off West
Derby Road, Liverpool

**First Thursday of every
month 1pm-3.30pm**

Bingo, raffles, live music,
refreshments

Wirral Irish Group

St. Anne’s Parish Centre,
Highfield Road, Rock Ferry

**Every Wednesday
12.30pm-3.30pm**

Bingo, raffles, day trips, live
music, refreshments