

# London Irish Network



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**Editor's Note**

*Hi All*

*Welcome to the LIN March 2018 programme and please see update from our chairman on page 6*

*Date for your diary- Major Event - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018*

**EVENT AND HOSTING GUIDE:**

**IDEAS:** Please keep your events suggestions coming as the club relies on your active participation to keep the programme as full and varied as possible. If you are unsure about hosting an event by yourself, LIN can arrange for a member to host with you. You can now also submit an event for the programme at any time on our website. For help and advice email the Programme Coordinator at [events@londonirish.org.uk](mailto:events@londonirish.org.uk) or leave a telephone message – see back page for telephone number.

**PROCEDURE:** When hosting an event please carry a copy of the programme in your hand to help new members identify you. It is also advisable for new members to carry a programme to allow event hosts to identify them. It is very important to keep to arrangements advertised in the programme. In the unlikely event of a host not being able to attend please advise, as early as possible, in order for a Committee member to arrange cover for you.

**ADVANCE EXPENDITURE:** When booking an event in advance and incurring expense(s), it is important to consult with the Treasurer in the first instance, to check the number of tickets to purchase.

**LIN EVENT HOSTING FACILITY** to ease the financial burden of the advance purchase - purchasing with your own funds is covered by the LIN Event Refund Facility which offers the host an insurance against loss on the purchase of up to £80 per event. There is a procedure to follow for both these Facilities – contact the Treasurer for details. The Committee expects to be advised in advance if you are purchasing tickets for an event and will require proof of purchase should a refund be claimed. Responsibility will not be accepted if you have not had prior approval for the original purchase.

**CANCELLATION OF TICKETS:** If you have asked a host to retain or purchase a ticket to a LIN event for yourself please provide the host with reasonable and polite notice if, for some reason, you are subsequently not able to attend the event. This can give the host the chance to provide the ticket to another LIN member or possibly obtain a refund, depending on conditions of the purchased ticket.

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR WALKERS:** All walkers are advised to wear suitable clothing, preferably proper walking boots, and carry a small rucksack containing waterproof clothing, a drink and some food in case of emergencies. It is advisable to check with National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50 or <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/planmyjourney> for possible delays before travelling.

## March 2018 PROGRAMME

Please check our website [www.londonirish.org.uk](http://www.londonirish.org.uk) for event additions and updates

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>Friday Evening Drinks in Holborn</b>
<b>Meet</b>	<b>Holborn Underground Station ticket office at 6.30 pm, or later in the pub</b>
<b>Venue</b>	Penderel's Oak, 283-288 High Holborn, WC1V 7HP Start your weekend in this popular Wetherspoon's bar, much used by LIN members over the years. Food is available, as well as the usual range of reasonably priced drinks.
<b>Host:</b>	
<b>URL:</b>	

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 at 3.15pm</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>Theatre – “A Princess Undone” – play about Princess Margaret</b>
<b>Meet</b>	<b>Finsbury Park underground station at 2.45pm for 3.15pm matinee showing</b>
<b>Venue</b>	Park Theatre, Clifton Terrace, Finsbury Park, London N4 3JP Details of play: Kensington Palace, 1993. She was the Diana of her day. That day has gone, but HRH The Princess Margaret seeks one final chance to be of service. Acquiring potentially sensational letters from Charles and Diana, she means to burn the evidence. But there are other papers, relating to Margaret herself. And when an ex-gangster admirer returns from her past, the Queen's sister has the choice to make or break her family yet again. Cost: £18 – tickets can be bought online on theatre website (There is no seat number on my ticket – standard seating)
<b>Host:</b>	
<b>URL:</b>	

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>Japanese restaurant Soho</b>
<b>Meet</b>	<b>At the restaurant 6pm sharp</b>
<b>Venue</b>	Dozo Sushi Restaurant, 32 Old Compton Street, London W1D 4TP Join us for something different. An upmarket small restaurant serving sushi and plenty of rice and noodle dishes too. Japanese people dine here so if it is good enough for the Japanese it is good enough for the rest of us. The tables are low so be prepared for dining Japanese style. The table is booked for 6 people and we have 1 1/2 hours to dine. We can go to a pub nearby after that. Please contact one of the hosts if you would like to attend.
<b>Host:</b>	

<b>URL:</b>	
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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>New Members Night</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>The Inn of Court, 18 Holborn, London EC1N 2LE</b>
<b>Details</b>	This is a very traditional English pub and well known for award winning ales. Food is also available. This is London Irish Network's regular club night where members meet up for a drink and a chat. For new members or those thinking of joining it is an excellent way to find out about the club and to meet lots of members. Let's all mix and mingle to-night. A warm welcome to all our regular and prospective members.
<b>Meet:</b>	<b>Chancery Lane tube station, 7.45pm or later in the pub</b>
<b>Host:</b>	

Date: Friday 16th March 2018

Event: IRELAND IN FULL COLOUR

Cost: £8

Venue: London Irish Centre, 50-52 Camden Square, London NW1 9XB

Meet: Foyer of London Irish Centre at 7.45 p.m. (event starts at 8.00 p.m.)

Please join me for this joint event between London Irish Centre and Dublin St Patrick's Festival involving a discussion on Irish identity, poetry and film. The event begins with a panel discussion on current, diverse and multi-cultural Irish identities, including London Irish, and what it means to be Irish. It is followed by poetry readings by Dublin poet and playwright Stephen James Smith and a film Pathways – Irish Routes to Art of Matter, a documentary of Irish creatives who are making it abroad including Fiona Shaw, Enda Walsh and Annie Mac.

Host:

URL: <https://www.londonirishcentre.org/Event/ireland-in-full-colour>

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>LIN St Pat's Party</b>
<b>Meet :</b>	<b>7pm sharp at the venue</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<p>Little Bay Restaurant , Kilburn, 228 Belsize Road, Kilburn , London NW6 4BT</p> <p>Celebrate Ireland's National Saint with an excellent 3 course set meal for just £15 per person.</p> <p>The venue is situated just off Kilburn High Road and is very close to Kilburn Park (Bakerloo) and Kilburn High Road (Overground) stations.</p> <p>A limited number of places have been booked, so please book now to avoid disappointment.</p> <p>Please send £15 cheques made payable to "London Irish Network " ASAP to  London Irish Network, Box 103, 15 Ingestre Place, Soho, London W1F 0JH  Or pay online using <a href="http://www.londonirish.org.uk/lin-events/major-events/">http://www.londonirish.org.uk/lin-events/major-events/</a> and use Paypal .for St Pat's Party 2018</p>

<b>Hosts:</b>	
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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>St Patrick's Day Parade</b>
<b>Meet:</b>	<b>11.30 a.m. Green Park Tube Station Ticket Office</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	Please join us for London St Patrick's Day Festival, with its crazy giant creatures, fun community floats, vibrant dance groups and Irish bands. The 2018 Parade will form up from 10am for floats and 11am for walkers. At 12 noon the flamboyant line-up will set off at a jig, crawl, roll and walk to thread its way up Piccadilly, along Lower Regent Street, the Mall and Cockspur Street, rounding Trafalgar Square and finishing up in Whitehall.
<b>Host:</b>	

Date: Wednesday 21st March 2018

Event: SEAN O' CASEY – UNDER A COLOURED CAP

Cost: £7 plus booking fee

Venue: Irish Cultural Centre, 5 Black's Road, Hammersmith W6 9DT

Meet: Foyer of Irish Cultural Centre at 7.15 p.m. (event starts at 7.30 p.m.)

Please join me to view a documentary film on the life and work of one of Ireland's greatest playwrights, Sean O'Casey, writer of Juno and the Paycock and The Plough and the Stars. The film is directed by O' Casey's daughter, Shivaun O'Casey, and features old footage and interviews with the playwright and family members. After the screening there is a question and answer session with Shivaun O'Casey.

Host:

URL: <https://irishculturalcentre.co.uk/2017/12/18/events-template-9/>

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>BOWLING AT QUEENSWAY, Queen's Ice Rink + Bowl, 17 Queensway, Bayswater, London W2 4QP</b>
<b>Meet:</b>	Queensway Tube station Ticket office at 7.30pm (Bowling starts at 8pm) Join us for bowling at the famous Queen's Ice Rink. The Rink includes full size Ten Pin Bowling Lanes, plus a bar. We have booked for two games and also we can go to one of the two nearby pubs afterwards after the games for a drink. Please let the hosts know a few days before hand so that they can confirm the required number of lanes.
<b>Host:</b>	
<b>URL:</b>	

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>Early evening drinks in Bloomsbury</b>
<b>Meet:</b>	The Holiday Inn Bloomsbury from 6.15 Coram Street London WC1N 1HT. Let's meet in the stylish Junction bar which serves a selection of drinks including Starbucks coffees and snacks. The nearest tube station is Russell Square.
<b>Hosts:</b>	
<b>URL:</b>	

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
<b>Event &amp; Venue:</b>	Join us at All Bar One in Leicester Square for Saturday night drinks and a chat. This lively pub at 48 Leicester Square WC2H 7LU serves beer, cocktails, wine and sharing plates. It's just a short walk from either Leicester Square or Piccadilly Circus. I have reserved an area us.
<b>Meet</b>	<b>Leicester Square tube at 7pm or you can come any time after 7:15 to the pub.</b>
<b>Hosts:</b>	
<b>URL:</b>	<b><a href="https://www.allbarone.co.uk/offers/leicester-square">https://www.allbarone.co.uk/offers/leicester-square</a></b>

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
<b>Event&amp; Venue:</b>	Good Friday church service at Westminster Cathedral, Victoria Street, London  Good Friday is the day every year where we commemorate the sufferings + death of Christ which is the centre point of the Christian religion. The cathedral is a very central venue with a great atmosphere and is packed every year for this event. We are looking forward to seeing lots of LIN people there.  2.30pm Drinks in Three Tuns, Marble Arch after service.
<b>Meet:</b>	<b>1pm outside Westminster Cathedral</b>
<b>Host:</b>	

Events for the March 2018 programme have now closed.  
Thank you for putting on an event this month. We always welcome new contributors.  
Many thanks!

Dear Members

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the London Irish Network held on Saturday 24th February 2018,

2018 Committee

The following were elected by the AGM as the LIN Committee for 2018 ;

Chair	Paul Barron
Secretary	Therese Crowley
Treasurer	Nuala Heaney
Membership Secretary	Audrey Allen
Recruitment Secretary	Paul Terry
Programme Co-Ordinator	Barry Ryan
Website Co-Ordinator	Marella O'Sullivan
Major Events Co-Ordinator	Maura Gallagher

## Membership Fee

With ever increasing inflation and in order to maintain sufficient funds to allow Major events to be organised and funded at cost to members, the AGM decided on an increase in the Annual Membership fee , but with a discount for those paying online via the LIN Website.

The New Membership fee for 2018 is as follows ;

Annual Membership fee paid by cheque                      £25

Annual Membership fee paid online                              £20

Thanks to all those who attended the AGM.

Congratulations to those newly elected and we thank the outgoing Committee members for their hard work and dedication.

Paul Barron  
Chair  
London Irish Network



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**LONDON IRISH NETWORK ["LIN"]:** is a multi-activities social club, open to all Irish people, those of Irish descent and those with Irish interests. LIN has no religious or political affiliations.

**MEMBERSHIP FEE:** is "MEMBERSHIP FEE : £20 per annum when paid via PayPal on the LIN Website [www.londonirish.org.uk](http://www.londonirish.org.uk) . £25 per annum when paid via cheque and sent to the above PO Box address, Any queries email [membership@londonirish.org.uk](mailto:membership@londonirish.org.uk) or contact the Membership Secretary, at the above address. Payment can be paid by cheque, postal order or on line via the LIN website. Cheques or postal order should be made payable to 'London Irish Network' for the appropriate amount and forwarded to the Membership Secretary at the above address.

**CONCESSIONS:** may be available at the discretion of the Committee. To make enquiries concerning concessions please contact the Membership Secretary at the above address.

**CONSTITUTION:** A copy of LIN's Constitution is available to all members on request. Contact the Secretary at the above address.

**PUBLICITY:** Any matters related to publicity and promotion of the club email [publicity@londonirish.org.uk](mailto:publicity@londonirish.org.uk) or contact Publicity Officer at the above address.

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**INTRODUCTIONS:** If you know someone who is interested in joining the Club, advise them to contact the Recruitment Secretary [recruitment@londonirish.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@londonirish.org.uk) or the above address.

**FEEDBACK:** If you have any comments about any aspect of the Club or any issues that you wish to be discussed at a Committee meeting email [feedback@londonirish.org.uk](mailto:feedback@londonirish.org.uk) or contact the Chairman at the above address or see contact details below.

**DISCLAIMER:** All persons participating in events organised by LIN, whatever the activity, do so entirely at their own risk. LIN, its Committee members or voluntary event leaders accept no liability whatsoever for any accidents or incidents caused or sustained by participating persons.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR MISSING PROGRAMME:** If you change your address or if, for any reason, you do not receive your programme by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month: please contact the Membership Secretary at [membership@londonirish.org.uk](mailto:membership@londonirish.org.uk) to ensure the matter can be dealt with efficiently. For a change of address, please confirm your new details by contacting the Membership Secretary at the above address. Thank you.

## **LIN COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2018**

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