

Luton Irish Forum

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Bulletin

Clothing Collection

Our last clothing bag collection raised £240 which will go towards the Pipeband funds for tuition and uniforms.

Pipeband Dance

The Emerald Pipeband held a fundraising dance on Saturday 30th May. The dance was well attended and a big thank you to all those who supported the Band. The total raised was in excess of £1400.

Well done to the Band for making the night a success.

Do you read The Luton News or The Dunstable Gazette?

We are still collecting the community cash points which you can find in The Luton News and The Dunstable Gazette at the bottom of page 2.

We will be able to exchange these for equipment or raffle prizes. Please help us by collecting these points and hand them in to staff at Kathleen Connolly House.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is open to all LIF members and this year it is on Saturday 4th July at 10am. The meeting will be followed by a light lunch and then a presentation on our Cultural Discovery Boxes Project.

Members will receive their notification and nomination form in the next couple of weeks.

If you are a paid up member and you do not receive your paperwork by Monday 15th June then please let us know.

Tuesday Club Visit to Haringey

Seventeen members of the Tuesday Club visited Haringey Irish Centre in May. They had a two course cooked lunch followed by an afternoon of dancing. It was a great day out and we hope to have a return visit from them in the near future.



IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP

Meets the third Wednesday of every month

1.30pm to 3pm



At Kathleen Connolly House
102 Hitchin Road Luton

Come along, share your knowledge and learn with each other.

No need to book - for more info call Nicola on 01582 720 447 or email nicola@lutonirishforum.org.

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In Partnership with

Trudi Clark from Rayners School of Dancing

Presents

Learn to Dance like 'Strictly'

A series of 1 hour dance taster lessons taking place throughout July

Week 1 - 27th July Quickstep

Week 2 - 3rd August Cha Cha Cha

Week 3 - 17th August Waltz

Week 4 - 24th August Salsa/Rumba

All sessions are Monday's 1.30pm to 2.30pm

at Kathleen Connolly House
102 Hitchin Road, Luton

Come with a partner or come along and pair up with a friend

Each session will cost £1 per person

To put your name down call the Forum on 01582 720 447 or see Nicola or Jacqui

Personal Safety Presentation

Our Police Community Support Officer, Cheryl Daniels, will be coming along to the Tuesday Club on 23rd June to give a presentation on personal safety at 11.30am.

Cheryl visits Kathleen Connolly House on a regular basis and you can talk to her about any concerns you have regarding your safety.

Ask a member of staff when she is visiting next.



Quiz Night

In April we hosted our third quiz night, this one was in aid of the Emerald Pipeband. The night was well attended, great fun and best of all raised £143 for the Pipeband.

If you would be interested in attending future quiz nights call the centre and put your name down.

St Patrick's Festival Committee

The St Patrick's Festival Committee have begun meeting to plan our 11th Festival. If you are interested in being involved then contact Kathleen Connolly House to put your name forward and for details of the next meeting.



Family Fun Day

We will be holding a family fun day on Saturday 26th September to raise funds and also to attract families into the centre.

We would like to get together a group of interested people to plan for the day and will be holding a quick meeting at 1.30pm after the bingo on Wednesday 1st July.

Everyone is welcome and your help will be gratefully received. If you are unable to make this day, but you would like to help or have some ideas for activities we could run on the day then please speak to Nicola or Jacqui.

Are you getting all you entitlements?

Why not have a benefit check done by the Forum's Advice Service to make sure you are not losing out?

Our advice service covers;

All UK Benefits Disability Benefits
Employment Law Housing
Returning to Ireland Irish Passports
Irish Pensions

Contact Mick or Mary on 01582 720 447 or email info@lutonirishforum.org for an appointment.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

We are always looking for new ways to raise money to keep our services going and you could help by:

- ♦ Donating your unwanted gold to us, small items which might not have a great value on their own but added together could really help with our fundraising.
- ♦ Bringing in your old ink jet cartridges and mobile phones which we can recycle for cash.
- ♦ Having a look at the 'Initial Book & Gift' items for sale every 6 weeks. The Forum receives 10% commission on all sales.

Just bring your items in and hand them to Jacqui or Nicola.

Volunteers Needed



We are looking for volunteer Kitchen Assistants and Gardeners to help out at Kathleen Connolly House.

Kitchen Assistants are needed to keep the kitchen tidy, greet visitors and make tea and coffee on a Monday and a Thursday between 10am and 2pm. Times are flexible and we would be looking to build a rota system.



Volunteer Gardeners would be asked to look after our garden on a regular basis at a time to suit them.



For an informal chat and more information please contact the Forum on 01582 720 447 or email info@lutonirishforum.org.

Credit Union

During May representatives of the Credit Union gave a presentation to members on the purpose and benefits of a credit union.

There was a lot of interest and we hope to have a credit union collection point operating from Kathleen Connolly House in the near future, subject to the approval of the trustees.



If you are interested in saving with the credit union or would like more information please contact Luton Irish Forum.