

Luton Irish Forum

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Multicultural Dance Exhibition

Luton Irish Forum held a Multicultural Dance Exhibition on Saturday 30th January at The Hindu Mandir (Temple).

Funded by the Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation, the project aimed to bring multicultural dance into schools. Schools were offered the opportunity of running workshops as an after school or lunchtime activity for children to learn the traditional dance of one of the many cultures in Luton.

The final exhibition was a celebratory event was for families, dignitaries and members of the community to showcase what had been learnt in just a short period of time, and to hopefully engage pupils in a long-term hobby. Pupils from St Margaret of Scotland, Sacred Heart, St Martin de Porres Primary Schools and Someries Junior School demonstrated Circle, Caribbean, Polish and Irish dance routines.



This is Luton Irish Forum's third multicultural project in recent years to encourage learning about each others cultures, with the overall aim of improving community cohesion.

St Patrick's Festival - Finnegan's Wake Pageant Workshops

Are you interested in:

Script writing, Acting, Prop and scenery making and/ or Costume design?

Please join us to make our 2010 Pageant the most memorable yet!

**Tuesday 16th February
1.30pm [after the Tuesday Club]
then Thursdays at 2pm
25th February, 4th and 11th March**

Fundraising Activities

Over the last year we have had fantastic support for all the fundraising activities we have undertaken.

Since our last newsletter we have had the results of our last bag collection in which we collected 815kg resulting in £326 going to our funds. We have also raised over £80 from Webb Ivory and Book Club sales and £24 in Luton News Points!

**Our next bag collection is
27th May—let's see if we can make it
a tonne this time!**

**Don't forget we also collect old ink
cartridges and mobile phones!**

General Meeting

Our general meetings are open to all LIF members. After a vote at the last meeting they will now take place on a Tuesdays from 1.30pm at Kathleen Connolly House.

The dates for 2010 are 23rd March, 18th May, July (AGM date to be confirmed), 21st September and 16th November.

Esther Rantzen Visit

Independent candidate for Luton South Esther Rantzen, came to visit our Wednesday Club on 13th January, despite the snow. Esther had a chance to meet members, play a game of bingo and find out about what the Forum does and who



Irish in Britain Photography Exhibition

You may remember in November our Chief Officer Noelette Hanley took some pictures for the Irish in Britain photography competition.

The photos are of some of the women who contributed to the construction,

papermaking and the steel industries by assembling roller bearings whilst employed at Skefco [now SKF], Luton in the 60s, 70s and 80s. 'The Swedish Ball Bearing Factory' which opened its first factory outside Sweden in Luton in 1911, provided a livelihood for many members of Luton Irish Forum.

The ladies are pictured with a Taper Roller Bearing which was first produced in Luton.

The photos are on display at LIF and will be part of an exhibition at the London Irish Centre during 2010.

