

# NUACHTLITIR DEIREADH FOMHAIR

## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2014



### **IRISH MINSTRELS BRANCH**

**AGM:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October in the Premier Inn, George Street at

7pm. Every family should be represented.

**EOIN KELLY WEEKEND:** We had an amazing concert on the Friday with an excellent turnout and some outstanding performances. Singing workshops proved very successful with those who took part. Tadhg and Roisin are fine teachers as well as singers. There was a poor response to the ceili workshops. Saturday's ceili went well, with a good turnout of senior musicians, but disappointing numbers in the audience. There was some excellent music at Sunday's session, despite the poor turnout. We need to think carefully about running similar events in the future.

**ROSE FRIEL R.I.P:** Rose (Friel) Docherty sadly passed away last night, aged 98. She was a well-known ballad singer in Glasgow and one of the earliest members of our branch of Comhaltas in the 50's. She also played the fiddle. Herself and husband Willie used to run great ceilithe in the Fernhill Pavilion in the 80's. She gave a very entertaining interview to Ciaran Hanrahan when Ceili House came to Glasgow in 2007. She had a bit of a cold and didn't fancy singing that night. Rose remained active until recent times. She will be brought to St. Mark's, Fernhill on Wednesday at 6pm, with Requiem Mass on Thursday at 9.30am.

**CEILI HOUSE:** over 3 weeks (starting last week), the Senior Ceili Band competition from Sligo will be broadcast. St. Roch's will probably appear on Sat 18th October. The programme is broadcast on RTE radio at 9pm on Saturdays, but is also available on catchup.

**CEOLTOIRI NA BREATAINE CD:** Anyone between the ages of 16 - 24 interested in being a part of an Irish music archive CD then visit [www.comhaltas.co.uk](http://www.comhaltas.co.uk) look for the Na Nog tab and fill out the form ( sending your material no longer than 5 mins long) is beneficial but not essential. If you are selected to play you will be invited to Manchester for the recording which will take place over 4 or 5 days, but will only



be needed once (possibly) twice within those days.

**SCOTS TRAD MUSIC AWARDS 2014:** 13th December in the Eden Court Theatre, Inverness. This event is the equivalent of the Oscars. A star-studded programme includes St. Roch's Senior Ceili Band. There are 15 categories of award and nominations are now being sought. There is scope for some of our branch members or even our branch (community award) to be nominated. Check out <http://projects.scottishcultureonline.com/scotlandstradmusicawards/voting/>

**RECITAL:** the popular recital has restarted on a Tuesday. A special guest will perform 3 sets of tunes each week, starting around 7.50pm. Oct guests are: 7th Kevin Murphy, All-Ireland piano accordion champion 2014, 21st Kevin O'Neill, flutist with Treacherous Orchestra, 28th Simon Thoumire, concertinist extraordinaire, Radio 2 Young Musician of the Year 1989

**MEMBERSHIPS** Please ensure Memberships are in and paid for in full. Costs are £14 for a Family and £8 for an individual Membership forms can be obtained from Moira Callaghan on Tuesdays.

### **PARENTAL PRESENCE**

Please ensure that a parent/guardian of each child remains on the premises at all times. There should be no dropping off and picking up.

**SCOR:** this festival is run by the GAA. This year it will take place in Malone's Bar on the 8th November. It involves various aspects of Irish culture. *Ceol Uirlise (Instrumental Music – for groups of between 2 and 5 musicians. Irish music only accepted. U17 competition requires 2 tunes each of different type e.g. jig & reel. Over 17 competition requires 3 tunes, one played on its own and two together. Both 'sets' should be of different type e.g. one jig and two reels. Electronic instruments are not allowed exception being a battery operated keyboard set to piano mode).* Closing date for entries: 29th October. For fuller details, see Irish Minstrels Facebook or <http://scorforscotland.wix.com/scor2014>

**NO CLASS NEXT WEEK, RESUME 21<sup>ST</sup> OCT**

