



EDITOR'S REPORT TO NATIONAL COUNCIL



I am pleased to report another successful year in publishing and to express regret that we have not yet established the IPA Archives.

IPA Journal does not take second place to any other IPA publication and can hold its own with commercial police magazines. Perusal of the six covers in 2007 is indicative of the wide range of interest provided for our readers. Pride of place must be awarded to the April edition which features the adventures of Caoimhe O'Halloran and Miriam Nolan at the IYG in New Zealand. October and December editions also featured the IPA pursuits of Golf at Tullamore and promotion of Hill Walking.



It takes a good team to consistently produce IPA Journal; I pay tribute to Joe Lynch, David McEllin & Gerard Mangan, all members of the NEC; to Tony Ruane & Edwin Handcock in Dublin; to Martin Dowd & Eoin O'Sullivan in the midlands and to Pat Daly in Cork who is also the Editor of Poet's Corner. We owe a great debt of gratitude to other members of the IPA, writers, Jack Keery in Maryland USA & Myron (Blue) Caldwell in Wellington, New Zealand. In each edition we are entertained by a gifted female, Helen Tierney Bale of California, USA. We welcomed two new Correspondents in the past year Anne McKeon whose colourful gardening feature, *Green Fingers*, is widely read and the equally interesting Fintan Browne's, *Paw Prints*, to cater for animal lovers. We offer our readers space to write in the 'Guest Column' and pictures are always welcome in PICTURE PARADE. IPA Journal services the requirements of each executive portfolio and of the readership in general through the medium of the NOTICE BOARD.



Our best efforts would not bear fruit had we not an excellent publisher, Ciaran Cassidy, in Naas, Co Kildare; we are dependent on his design department and other staff members for support and skilful work. The sales-staff works under some restriction due to the sensitivity of IPA ethos and that of An Garda Síochána. We regularly get complimentary appraisal of the product both in Ireland and overseas. Ciaran Cassidy provides the stipend for the IPA expenses to produce the Journal; in addition he provides prizes for children's 'Play Zone' the Christmas Quiz and €1,000 for the prizes associated with the Frank Duggan Memorial Cup for Golf.



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Each year we hold a seminar to take stock and to devise ways to improve. Journalism, design, production systems, reader's interests, photography and deadlines are the main topics. The lunch is provided each time by the publisher, Ciaran Cassidy. The 2007 seminar was held in the Conference Room in Tullamore Garda Station where we received a warm welcome from Sgt Kieran Keyes & Superintendent Denis Bowe.



My work as Editor covers all areas of publishing to include the 'Pocket Diary', 'IPA Directory', 'Rules Pamphlet', 'Scrolls' and the '2008 IPA Calendar'. I offer the highest commendation to Gerard Mangan for the amount of skilful work he put into the 2008 Calendar.



My greatest regret is that I have failed to secure co-operation or enthusiasm for the establishment of an IPA Archive/Museum. This is a critical time in the history of Section Ireland; it is sad to think that many valuable items will be thrown in the dump if we fail to provide a home for them. Phyllis Nolan has collected and bound all editions of IPA Journal & Police Friendship; these may eventually be the only record of the generation that rescued Section Ireland from obscurity. I could nominate an excellent curator but what's the point because it would fall on deaf ears.

I often call on the services of Joan, Noeleen & Noël at IPA House; it is always a pleasant experience.



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