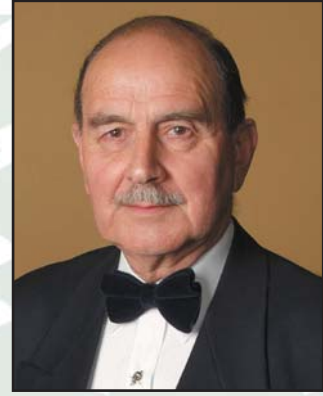


Editorial



In 2007 IPA Journal has recorded the history of events in Section Ireland. Posterity will read about who achieved the sporting highlights, the adventures of our youth overseas, opportunities for educational and artistic pursuits, celebration of anniversaries, promotion of hobbies and a wide variety of interesting topics to stimulate activity in the Section. In short, IPA Journal has achieved its main purpose which is to give our members a sense of identity.

IPA Journal has a talented team of correspondents in Ireland, America and New Zealand and in addition to our regular features we introduced two new Journalists to cater for gardening and veterinary interests. Many compliments are received after the publication of each edition which now provides a 'guest column' and other freelance contributions. There is a standing invitation to readers to join in the fun to see your work in print or your photographs in picture parade.

Other publications in 2007 included the annual Pocket Diary in association with St Paul's Garda Credit Union, a Directory to assist administration throughout the Section, a full colour pamphlet to show the location and quality of our properties in Dublin, Sligo, Galway, Cork, Killarney, Oughterard and Wexford as well as the multitude of free benefits provided for members of IPA. Added to these is the 2008 Calendar that shows the beauty of Ireland coupled with promotion of walking as means to health, recreation and social encounter.

In this happy season I thank everybody who assisted me as Editor. I trust that IPA Journal brings a taste of Ireland to our many friends overseas and will give solace to our members who guarantee peace in foreign lands. I wish all our readers a joyous Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Le gach deá guí agus beannactaí na féile

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