

View from THE BRIDGE



Christmas has gone and we are well into the New Year. Have you successfully fought off the temptations to waver in your resolve to improve habits and lifestyle in 2007? One promise worth keeping would be to avail of the services and benefits offered by the IPA. Occasionally we hear "I have been a member for years" but in the same breath concede "I never got anything from it".

This edition features the benefits and services offered by the IPA to provide for the needs and interests of our youthful or mature members. International Youth Gatherings and Group Exchange for our teenagers; 5-A-Side football or golf for our sports enthusiasts; Scholarships and sponsored international seminars for the studious and professionally minded; Bargain holidays, international IPA houses and group tours for the adventurous; Strategically placed IPA houses around Ireland for moderately priced family holiday; Generous grants to support local initiatives for IPA events. Identify any aspect of IPA lifestyle that suits your needs whether it is sporting, leisure or professional, then additional information may be elicited from the portfolio holder or at IPA Office. A more detailed description of benefits, services and obligations can be viewed on our IPA Ireland website at www.ipaireland.com.

If you have availed of IPA services at home or overseas we would like to hear of your experience, it will help us to monitor success and may prompt others to participate. If you have something to tell us there is no better way than to send a letter to the Editor for publication.

It is my wish that no member of IPA should feel prompted to say "I never got anything from it". Although the subscription is small it is still your generous donation and will secure much more than its monetary value. As we advance into the New Year with a renewed interest and enthusiasm in the IPA I wish that you and your family will enjoy 2007 better than you can imagine.

Servo per Amikeco

Billy Saunderson
President

Statement

The Editor wishes to acknowledge that the touching appreciation of the late lamented John Naughton was prepared by his close friend Neil McGowan. I regret that the December edition of IPA

Journal attributed the feature to the incorrect author. I trust that all concerned who mourn the loss of a beloved comrade will accept my sincere apology.

Brendon K Colvert, Editor

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