

IRISH SECTION NEWS AUGUST

June saw many of us away on trips, George Kavanagh, Girlfriend Karen and some friends were in France .George and Karen were trying out his new RT1200 and they were that delighted with it that in the beautiful setting of Chinon they got engaged. So congratulations to them both. No one can accuse George of being slow again!

June 13 saw the North West “Christmas Dinner” and as I was unable to be there due to attending the NCM, John Cousins kindly supplies the following report.

“The North West Region met at the Murrisk Tavern, close to Co Mayo’s renowned Croagh Patrick on June 13th for an annual lunch. Actually, their Christmas lunch! Cancelled on two occasions in January due to appalling weather, there was obviously a great deal to celebrate, and it proved so successful that a skiing weekend in Mayo is now being planned for August. A summer holiday is also mooted for December, probably in Co. Donegal! Rather more seriously, John and Mary Couzens, with Pam Kay, later watched from a nearby carpark as a rescue helicopter landed close to the top of Croagh Patrick. A mountain rescue team brought down a seriously injured walker to the helicopter to be flown to a local hospital”

The Ballykeeran camping on the 18th&19th went off brilliantly with over 30 people attending over the weekend in absolutely glorious weather. It was great to see some of our newer members out enjoying themselves. The pint and pizza offer in The Dog & Duck was taken up on Saturday night.

The Thatch in Kinsale on 17th-19th September is filling up quickly but check with Brendan Lang on 086 2555214 as there may be places left. The Northwest Hotel Weekend this year in Leenane is also booking well as it is great value at €99pps for two B&B and two five course evening meals check their website www.leenanehotel.com

As the National Rally is in Coleraine this year it is an ideal chance for our section members to attend this large club event and I am sure that the Ulster section will inject some Irish craic into it. Any of you thinking of attending please let myself or Brendan know and we could meet up for the weekend.

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