

IRISH SECTION NEWS JULY

Well its mid summer as your reading this and I really hope we're getting one this year. Back in May Dave Browne and Shelly attended the BMWMOA French Connection rally, a good time was had by all and Dave tells me more Irish section members are requested to attend next year as they like us!

The first weekend in May four Irish section members met up with eight lads from Hull for a trip to the Scottish Highlands, though not a BMW Club event a lot of the lads on the run are Club members. Thanks lads for a great weekend, sometimes it's really great to be led on runs and not have to organise anything and this was my third "good weather" trip to the Highlands, blessed I know! When I think about it, without being a Club member I would have known only one of the lads on the trip (Irish lads included) previously. This to me is one of the great advantages of membership of this Club, making and fostering friendships through motorcycling.

Liam Quinlan's Tuesday evening runs are in full swing and he tells me being well attended. Every Tuesday evening for the summer, leaving from Keary's Motorrad Cork at 1830. Contact Liam on 086 8252774 if you would like more information. While were in Cork I'd like to wish Mick Allen luck with his new K1300S and I believe a new Adventure is on order too. No recession in Cork.

We have a great opportunity to attend a National Rally this year as the Ulster section is holding the Summer National Rally in Coleraine Rugby grounds. This promises to be a top class event and it's right beside us so get on your bikes and go. Details and booking forms in the journal.

Brendan Lang our Booking Secretary tells me there is still some places left on the Irish Boreen Run on 31 July -1 August, this year it starts from Keary's in Cork and Liam Quinlan is the run Leader. There is some places left on the Thatch Rally in Kinsale but be warned it is filling quickly.

Bookings are also being taken now for the October hotel weekend 15-16 in Leenane Co Galway two nights B&B and two five course evening meals €99 Check out the website on www.leenanehotel.com this is really good value and extra nights can be arranged at preferential rates for those wishing to stay longer or travelling from the UK.

Our new event this year is The Hog Roast/Ride to Meat in Thurles Rugby Grounds on the Saturday 17 July. €20 gets you all you can eat, the entertainment and camping. We would like members to prebook this as it will give us better information for organising the food. Too little and we'll be hungry, too much and it will be pork sandwiches for the rest of the summer for the organisers.

Any UK based member reading this, take the Club President Dick Boyd's advice and get across to one of our events enjoy the craic and get good value for your Sterling

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