



Kerry Association In Dublin

Newsletter
May 2014



Pictured above from l-r: Mary Donohue, President, Finbarr O'Donoghue, Secretary, Archdeacon Michael Murphy, Kerry Person of the Year 2014, Maura Hughes, outgoing Chairperson.

AGM

The AGM was held in Wynn's Hotel, Abbey Street on 8th April.

Maura Hughes, who had been our chairperson for the past three years stepped down as her term of office had come to an end. We thank Maura for her contribution over the last three years and wish her the best of luck. We hope to see her at many Kerry Association events in the future.

Our new chairperson is Leesha Duffy, a native of Dromid. Leesha has been vice-chairperson for the past three years. The new vice-chairperson is now Keelin Kissane, a native of Lisselton.

Your new committee:	Chairperson: Leesha Duffy (Dromid)	Vice-chairperson: Keelin Kissane (Lisselton)
	Secretary: Finbarr O'Donoghue (Valentia Island)	Assistant Secretary: Mary Shanahan (Valentia Island)
	Joint Treasurer: Donie Harmon (Churchill)	Joint Treasurer: Frances Purcell (Glenbeigh)
	PRO: Maurice Moynihan (Derrymore)	Committee: Aidan Curtin (Tralee) Rita McLoughlin (Caherciveen) Anita Kelly (Tarbert) Aisling O'Sullivan (Sneem)

Mary Donohue (Kilcummin) and Christy McCarthy (Glenbeigh) remain President and Vice-President respectively.

We look forward to representing you over the coming year.

Message from Leesha Duffy, Chairperson

“ I am honoured to be selected as the Cathaoirleach of the Kerry Association and I hope to keep up the good work of my predecessor, Maura Hughes.

I appreciate and thank the outgoing committee for their work and I welcome the new members who have joined us this year.

We have lots of plans for the coming year and hope there will be something for everybody to enjoy.

We start with a night in the Gaiety to see Moll, the John B. Keane play. We have a limited number of tickets for this so early booking is essential.”

Membership

Annual Membership falls due in April each year. You can renew your membership by completing and returning the form on the last page of this newsletter to Donie Harmon.

Events!!

Upcoming events during the next three months.

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Launch of Eoin Hand CD, the Brazen Head

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Opening Night of "Moll" at the Gaiety Theatre

June

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World Flower Show, RDS

July

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Fundraiser for Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross

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Bulmers Live at Leopardstown

- **Opening Night of Moll**

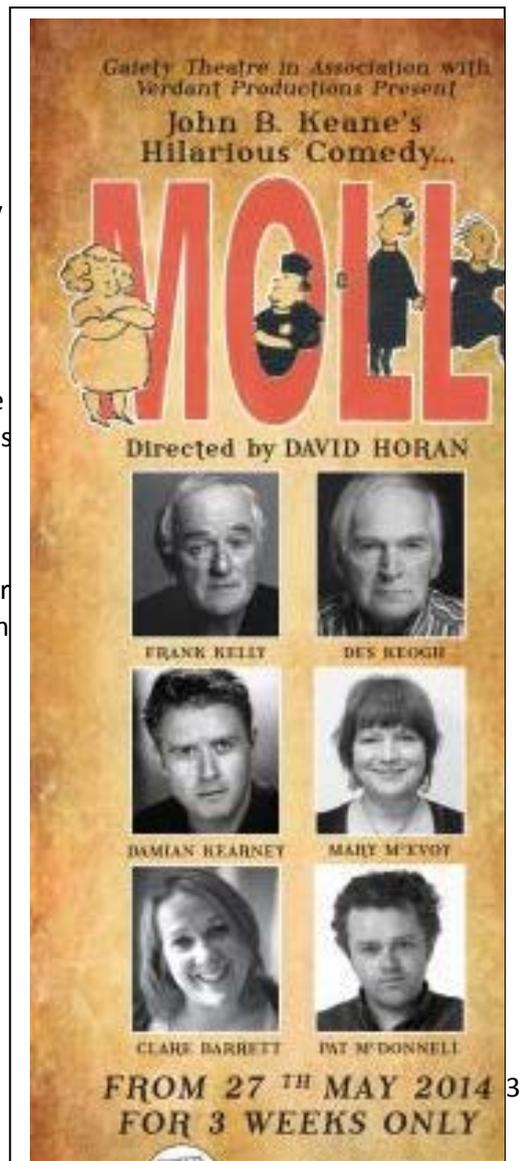
We are delighted to have secured a limited number of tickets to the opening night of Moll by John B. Keane on Thursday 29th May in the Gaiety.

Moll, first produced in 1971 in Killarney, is a comedy set in a rural presbytery in Kerry. When Canon Pratt and his two curates, Father Brest and Father Loran, lose their esteemed Ms Bottomly, they must recruit a replacement to carry on with the cooking and cleaning.

They select Ms Maureen Kettle (Moll). She wraps the Canon around her little finger, feeds him well while starving the curates and continues this pattern as the Canon is promoted and one of the curates takes his place. With the support of the Bishop, Moll proves to be an unstoppable force.

This new production of the comedy will star Frank Kelly (Father Jack in Father Ted) as His Lordship The Bishop, Des Keogh (The Love Hungry Farmer by John B. Keane, which played to packed houses in the Gaiety last year) as Very Rev Canon Pratt, Mary McEvoy (Glenroe) as Bridgie Andover, Clare Barrett (Fair City) as Moll, Damian Kearney (Stones In His Pockets) as Father Brest C.C. , and Pat McDonnell (Naked Camera, Father Ted, The Savage Eye) as Father Loran C.C.

As we have a limited number of tickets, they will be available on a first come first served basis. Please contact Leesha (087) 679 8296 or leesha.duffy24@gmail.com as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. Tickets are priced from €22.50 to €28.



- **Fundraiser for Our Lady's Hospice, Thursday 10th July, Garda Boat Club**

This year's annual fund-raising event, with which members of the Association are involved, in aid of Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, will take place in the Garda Boat Club, Longmeadows, Islandbridge on Thursday 10th July at 8pm.

Wine, cheese and finger food will be served; light entertainment will be provided and there will be a raffle. The event - now in its sixteenth year - is a very sociable and enjoyable one, as those of you who have attended in the past can vouch.

Tickets at €20 are available from Marion Walsh (087) 2832018. Book early and don't be disappointed!



- **Bulmers Live at Leopardstown, Thursday 17th July, Leopardstown Racecourse**

Celebrating its sixth birthday, Bulmers Live at Leopardstown again has an exciting line-up for Summer 2014 of festival fun, great food and thrilling racing followed by some of the best live Irish and international music you will see this festival season.

The Kerry Association invite you to join the party at Leopardstown on Thursday 17th July. Racing will kick off that evening at around 7pm, there will be a barbecue and after racing, the Stunning, one of the most successful Irish bands ever, will be live in concert. The Stunning toured the US and the UK with the likes of Bob Dylan and the B52's. During their time, the band scooped every music prize and award going. In 2012 they celebrated their 25th anniversary with a number of sold-out gigs around Ireland.

Tickets are €25 which includes:

- Admission to racing
- Bottle of Bulmers or Soft Drink
- Barbecue
- Live concert after racing

More details closer to the time but **save the date!**



Other upcoming events with a Kerry connection

- Thursday 22nd May – Eoin Hand, the former Ireland soccer manager who now lives in North Kerry will be launching his new CD, **Monica’s Song, in the Brazen Head**, Lower Bridge Street, Dublin. The Brazen Head, Ireland’s oldest pub, is where Eoin was born and reared. The evening kicks off at 9pm.
- Wednesday 18th – Sunday 22nd June – **11th World Flower Show** in the RDS – one of the main organisers of this event is Lisselton native, Kitty Gallagher (nee Holly) who is the President of the World Association of Flower Arrangers. The World Flower Show is a triennial event and this is the first time it will be staged in Ireland. For details see www.wafaireland.com
- Tuesday 2nd September – **Tea in the Áras** - we are delighted to have secured a visit to Aras an Uachtaráin for the Kerry Association on the afternoon of 2nd September at 2.30pm. Unfortunately, due to the President’s schedule of commitments, he will not be in a position to meet us. However, the visit will consist of a tour of the formal rooms and refreshments. There are a limited number of places so please contact Leesha (leesha.duffy24@gmail.com) or Keelin (keelin.kissane@hotmail.com) to book your place.
- Friday 19th September – **Kerry GAA Supporters Club in Dublin Golf Classic**. Once again, the Supporters Club will be holding a Golf Classic in Lucan Golf Club on the Friday of the All Ireland Football Final.

Other news

Cheque Presentation

Representatives of the Kerry Association recently travelled to Killarney, where together with Kerry Person of the Year, Archdeacon Michael Murphy, they had the pleasure of presenting a cheque for €3,100 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Archdeacon’s chosen charity to benefit from funds raised at this year’s Oíche Chiarraí.

Motion at recent AGM

At the recent AGM, a motion was put forward to make some amendments to the selection procedure and qualification criteria of Kerry Person of the Year. As you are aware, the current process is that nominations are submitted to the Kerry Association committee before Christmas each year and the winner is then chosen by the committee and announced in January.

The motion put forward suggested that rather than the selection being a matter reserved for the committee, instead a special selection general meeting of the membership of the Kerry Association could be held each January with all those having paid up their membership by the preceding 31st May having a vote in the selection process.

The motion also proposed a change to the qualification criteria of the Kerry Person of the Year to allow those who may not have been born in Kerry, but who have made such a contribution, that could be described as extraordinary, to the lives and well being of Kerry and its people, that they may also be considered.

It was decided on the night of the AGM to establish a sub-committee to consider the above proposals. Our former president, Marion Walsh, has agreed to chair this committee. However, we would like to ask you, our members, for your views. Any thoughts you have will be welcomed and considered as part of the review by the sub-committee. We ask that you would send your submissions on the matter in writing to Leesha by 30th June.

Membership Form

Annual Membership falls due in April each year. If you have already paid we would like to say "thank you". If you have forgotten please forward €20.00 to the address below. We would be pleased to receive any additional information from you on this form, which of course is strictly confidential and for use of the Kerry Association only.

Personal Details

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Kerry Birth Place:

Business Details

Company Name:

Company Address:

Phone:

Email:

Website address:

Do you know other interested people?

Do you know any friends, relations or work colleagues who would like to join the Kerry Association for fun outings, cultural or social activities? If so, please ask them to get in touch. We would love to hear from them.

Please send the completed forms and €20.00 to the Treasurer of the Association Donie Harmon, 20 Rushbrook Court, Templeogue, Dublin 6W. Tel: (086) 809 8397