



30 March 2017

Dear Member,

I want to start by thanking you for electing me to the position of Chairman and for your on-going support of the Lough Erne Branch of the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland (IWAI). Without your input and attendance at our events, the branch would not function and our collective contribution to the IWAI would be lost.

As the temperatures begin to rise, the sun hangs in the sky a little longer and the daffodils pop up for spring, I thought it might be an opportune time to set out our events schedule for the year. By now I hope you will have received your copy of Inland Waterways News and accompanying 2017 Events Calendar. I wanted to write to you separately however to highlight some of the great things we have planned for the branch this season.

You may already know about our branch page on IWAI website, however I am pleased to advise we now have Facebook and are slowly but surely building support for the branch. We frequently add new information, update event details and share useful boating advice from around the Internet. In addition, this is helping to build relationships with other IWAI branches and support the good work they are doing. If you have Facebook I encourage you to log on and search for "Lough Erne Branch - IWAI".

I have detailed below an outline of our events schedule for the 2017 season:

Date	Time	Event	Location
21 April	7:00pm	New Membership Welcome Evening RNLi Safety talk and Life jacket Clinic follows by Pub Quiz	Carrybridge Lakeside Lodge
20 May	12:00pm TBC	Cruise in Company to Tully Castle Guided tour of Boatyard Gin Distillery, Gin tasting & Cocktails	Tully Marina
21 May	11:00am	Fun on the Water - Boat handling Competition – return home.	Tully Castle
8 July	7:00pm	Music by the lake	Crom Castle
5 August	7:00pm	Music by the lake	Crom Castle
16 September	11:00 am	Cruise in Company to Castle Archdale Guided history tour of WW2 Castle Archdale Lunch and evening meal followed by evening entertainment.	Castle Archdale Marina
20 October	7:30pm	Annual Branch Dinner Dance Evening meal followed by entertainment.	Mahon's Hotel Irvinstown
9 December	11:00am	Branch 2017 review and AGM	Hilton Hotel Templepatrick

For more details on all the planned events, you will find up to date information on our new Facebook page, the branch website or alternatively please contact any of the branch committee.



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It would be great if you could attend any, some, or all of the above events. I am keen to work on our membership numbers this year and I need your help if possible to spread the word, invite friends, family and marina berth neighbours. I am especially looking forward to seeing some new faces at the New Members Welcome Evening to kick the season off and ensure as many people as possible have an opportunity to find out about what we do and the events we have planned for this year.

Please also note that annual membership fees fell due in December 2016. For branch administration, we would appreciate if overdue fees could be brought up to date for the 2017 season. If you have a standing order/direct debit in place, please review your records to ensure the current membership fee is being paid.

Family membership	£36
Single membership	£33
Young Adult 18 – 23	£17

Payment methods:

Credit card online:

Go to www.iwai.ie log in to membership renewal and follow instructions.

Standing order or bank transfer:

Set up standing order with your bank or, if you have on line banking, transfer your subscription to the IWAI Lough Erne Branch bank account, details as follows:

Danske Bank

Account name: Inland Waterways of Ireland – Erne Branch

Account No: 950309 52797135

Ensure you quote your name as payment reference.

Cheque

Cheques should be made payable to 'Inland Waterways of Ireland, Erne Branch' and forwarded to the treasurer as follows:

Alan Cousins
40 Abbeydene Manor
Newtownabbey
BT37 9JQ

In the meantime, I hope you will be able to join us on the 21 April in Carrybridge. It was great to meet many of you last year and I look forward to meeting many more as the season unwinds.

Kind Regards
Ross Millar
Chairman – IWAI LEB