

# The Irish Society of East Anglia Newsletter

January 2010



## St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance



Again, we are preparing for our most significant Irish event of the year...

**The St Patrick's Dinner Dance celebration, Saturday 13th March.**  
7pm for 7.30pm  
**Sprowston Manor Hotel**  
Wroxham Road  
Norwich  
**£37.50 a ticket**

It will be black-tie/ lounge suits in the elegant set marquee at the 5 star establishment, Sprowston Manor Hotel. Bring as many of your friends/loved ones as you can. This celebration is unmissable. We

will be having a sit-down meal, speeches, singing and dancing with *music from Barley Mow*. There will also be our auction and raffle, packed with substantial prizes for you to enjoy—all for under £40 a head! The proceeds of the evening will be donated to charity, so please feel free to donate something if you can. See over for menu details.

*Please purchase your tickets before 1st March by completing the booking form, cheques payable to 'Irish Society of East Anglia' and send to Elizabeth Dower (see booking form for details).*

## Coming Events

### Saturday 13 February

**Presidential Inauguration**  
7.00pm for 7.30pm  
**at The Narthex (new hall) at St John's Cathedral, Norwich**  
Adults £8  
Children over 4yrs £4  
Children under 4 free

Come and help us say a fond farewell to our outgoing President Derek Plunkett and warmly welcome Mairin Breathnach as the new President, with music from the Rum Brothers.

We gratefully accept contributions to this celebration such as food dishes for our buffet and any unwanted Christmas presents for the raffle. Please pay on the door.

### Wednesday 17 March

**St. Patrick's Lunch**  
12.30 for 1pm  
**at Bunkers Bar (Golf Club)**  
**Dunston Hall Hotel,**  
Ipswich Road,  
Norwich.  
**£13 per person.**

Celebrate the actual day with the characters from the society that we know and love at one of our regular haunts, Dunston Hall. With a 3 course lunch and vegetarian option available.

We must know how many to tell *Bunkers Bar* to cook for, so please let ring Teresa Hales (01603 783932) or Catherine Bhadrinath (01603 456800) to book your place. Please pay on the day, money to Teresa.



## Thank you Santa! by Joseph Robinson, 6 yrs

I liked the children's Christmas party because it had lots of my friends there and there was lots of food. My favourite bit of the party was the food because it was so yummy. We played musical statues

and musical chairs. Father Christmas came and gave us chocolates which made me very happy. Thank you to Santa and to everyone who helped to make our party possible.

*Many thanks to Karen and all of Santa's other helpers for giving our children such a special time each year. Thanks also to Santa for popping in! It was much appreciated at your busiest time of year.*

## Other dates for your diary...

**Golf Day**  
Saturday 15th May  
**Summer BBQ**  
Saturday 12th June

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## St Patrick's Dinner Dance Menu

Saturday 13th March



### Starter

Farmers Market Soup Served with Rustic or Soda Bread

### Main Course

Breast of Chicken served with Homemade Colcannon Mash, Roasted Root Vegetables and Irish Whiskey Sauce

Or Vegetarian Option:

Spinach and Ricotta Ravioli, with Salad and Garlic Bread

### Dessert

Individual Baileys Cheesecake served with a Winter Berry Compote

### Followed by

Freshly Brewed Coffee and mints

Should any members require accommodation at Sprowston Hall, we recommend that you check the Marriott Hotels website for any special offers  
[www.marriott.co.uk](http://www.marriott.co.uk)

### A final word from the 2009 President, Derek Plunkett

#### Dear Member:

I would like to thank you helping to enrich the Irish Society of East Anglia during 2009. As you know, we are the oldest Irish Society in the UK, having formed in 1892 and still going strong. I would like to thank everyone for making my year as President such a special one and for helping to raise a significant sum of money for Nelson's Journey. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President, and now look forward to the year of 2010 with Mairin Breathnach taking her turn at the helm. I also look forward to helping, along with yourselves, to support Mairin's chosen charity of Priscilla Bacon, Macmillan Cancer Support. I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

In Deepest Sympathy: Two of our members, Cath Roberts and Gerry Griffin have recently passed away. Our sincere sympathy goes out to their families.

### The Priscilla Bacon Centre

The centre is based in relaxing grounds and gardens in the City of Norwich. It is a centre for Specialist Palliative care in Norfolk, also providing advice and support for patients with advanced diseases and those close to them. Facilities include a specialist Inpatient Unit (Priscilla Bacon Lodge), the Rowan Centre Day Unit and a wide range of other community services. Referrals are accepted for patients with any life-limiting illness (not just cancer) and input and support can be provided at any stage following diagnosis.

#### Dates for children's Irish Step Dancing at the Hewitt School, Norwich

on Sunday mornings:

31st January

7th February

14th February

Classes are £5 each

Beginners 10.30–11.30am

Intermediate/Advanced 11.30am – 1.00pm

Contact Catherine for more details, tel: 01603 456800