



AN LON DUBH

The Monthly Newsletter of The Loch Lao Traditional Music Society

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LLTMS EVENTS

OCTOBER
2005

Monday 3rd
9:15 - 11pm,
St Gall's GAC,
Senior Session

Monday 10th
9:15 - 11pm,
St Gall's GAC,
Senior Session

Monday 17th
8:00 - 11pm,
St Gall's GAC,
Senior Session
with special
guests

Monday 24th
9:15 - 11pm,
St Gall's GAC,
Senior Session
with special
guest

Friday 28th
7:15 - 9pm,
Cultúrlann,
Family Session

Monday 31st
9:00 - 11pm,
St Gall's GAC,
Halloween
Session

Don't forget to
check the website
for all the very
latest information
about all our
events!

www.lochlao.com

WEBSITE SUCCESS!!

The new website of the LLTMS has been a tremendous success. With well over a thousand hits in its first four weeks, the site has attracted much interest and favourable comment. The site is steadily becoming an essential feature of the operation of the LLTMS, dealing with an increasing amount of enquiries and correspondence. Be sure to check the site often as more developments are planned, including an improved gallery section and expanded links page. Once again we wish to thank the site's creator, LLTMS Senior musician Bronagh McCabe, for the huge amount of work she has put into developing the website, and to all members who have given the site their support. The website address is www.lochlao.com - check it out, if you haven't already!

LLTMS Sessions Resume

Our popular Monday Senior sessions have resumed in St. Gall's GAC. We were delighted to have excellent attendance at the September sessions, apart from September 12th due to the street disturbances on that day. This was unfortunate as we were pleased to welcome some guest musicians from The Francis McPeake School of Music to our session that evening. Mairead Forde, Karen Mooney, Patrick O'Hare and Seán O'Kane joined with the LL regulars and all agreed that the standard of music was exceptional. Look out for more special guests at future sessions. The monthly LLTMS family session in An Chultúrlann will resume on Friday September 30th, and thereafter on the last Friday of the month as before. Details on the website.

Membership Many thanks to everyone who returned their membership forms with payment. We currently have over 160 members, many more than last year, so a special welcome to our new members! Membership forms can now be downloaded from the website and should be returned with payment to Patrick Davey by the end of September. Thank you!!

Christmas Dinner

Following the announcement in the last edition of *An Lon Dubh*, we can now give further details of our first ever Christmas dinner. The dinner will take place in St. Gall's on Friday December 2nd, and tickets are priced at a very reasonable £15.00 per person (LLTMS Senior musicians can avail of a reduced ticket price of £12.50). We will be enjoying a full traditional Christmas menu, details of which are in the *Latest News* section of the website. Tickets should be reserved by e-mailing info@lochlao.com and those who have e-mailed will be contacted as soon as tickets become available in mid-October. *Please note that we are obliged to place an age restriction on this event - contact us for further information. Thank you.*

Submissions & photos for *An Lon Dubh* are very welcome! Please e-mail: londubh@lochlao.com

Whoops! Many thanks to Gerry Adams who pointed out the small spelling error in the September edition of An Lon Dubh! A special limited edition signed photo of LLTMS Chairman Joe Mulhern is on its way to Gerry, to show our deep appreciation!

Mystery Session in Derry On Friday September 23rd, a large party of LLTMS Senior musicians and parents travelled to Derry for a much-anticipated 'mystery' session. Organised in great secrecy by Patrick Davey, the session venue was a beautiful purpose-built cottage in the garden of Derry CCÉ member Tommy Dunn. The LLTMS party was joined by a very large group of Derry musicians and singers and a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable session of music and song was had by all. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Tommy and his family and his friends in Derry CCÉ for their hospitality and for the very welcome refreshments they provided. We hope to welcome Tommy and some of the Derry musicians to Belfast soon. Check the website gallery for photos of the Derry session.

LLTMS Members Going on Tour! Senior musicians Louise & Stephen Downey and Catherine O'Neill will be heading off during October on an exciting tour of Denmark & the USA as part of *The Rhythm of the Dance* team. We wish them safe travels and every success with the tour. May it lead to even more exciting adventures! www.rhythmofthedance.com

Chieftains Concert Check the *Latest News* section of the website for details of a fantastic opportunity to see legendary Irish supergroup 'The Chieftains' in a rare performance in Armagh. LLTMS members can avail of a very much reduced ticket price, courtesy of our friends in The Armagh Pipers Club. Please book your place *now* by sending an e-mail to info@lochlao.com because there will be a limit of thirty members on this trip. Ticket price to be confirmed.

Special Guests at October Session At the Senior session on Monday October 17th (starting at 8pm) we will be delighted to welcome back American spirituals singer Tony Brown and pianist Lisa Bergman. Tony & Lisa entertained us a few years ago during a memorable session in Joe Mulhern's house, so be sure not to miss what promises to be another night to remember. Many thanks to Joe for organising Tony & Lisa's return visit. <http://anthonybrownbaritone.net>