



# AN LON DUBH

The Monthly Newsletter of The Loch Lao Traditional Music Society

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## LLTMS EVENTS

SEPTEMBER  
2005

Monday 5th  
9:15 - 11pm,  
St Gall's GAC,  
Senior Session

Monday 12th  
9:15 - 11pm,  
St Gall's GAC,  
Senior Session

Monday 19th  
9:15 - 11pm,  
St Gall's GAC,  
Senior Session

Monday 26th  
9:15 - 11pm,  
St Gall's GAC,  
Senior Session

Friday 23rd  
Depart 6pm  
"Mystery"  
Session  
**SENIORS ONLY**

Friday 30th  
7:15 - 9pm,  
Cultúrlann,  
Family Session

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Don't forget to  
check our new  
website for all the  
very latest  
information  
about all our  
events!  
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## A NEW SEASON AND A NEW IMAGE!

Welcome to the first issue of *An Lon Dubh*, the new-look monthly newsletter of The Loch Lao Traditional Music Society (LLTMS). 'An Lon Dubh' is Irish for 'The Blackbird', which is of course the logo of the LLTMS. The newsletter will be distributed to members on a monthly basis and you can indicate on your membership form (more about this below) whether you would like to receive your copy of *An Lon Dubh* by post or by e-mail. Naturally we would be keen to conduct as much of our member correspondence as possible by e-mail so please consider this as a means of helping us to keep the dreaded costs to a minimum.

### Loch Lao now has an Official Internet Website!

Thanks to the efforts of Senior LLTMS member Bronagh McCabe, Loch Lao has, at long last, an official internet website! The website will be updated regularly (we promise!) to keep members and friends updated on all our events and there is much more information available too, such as a short history of Loch Lao, membership details and a gallery. Please visit the site often and do leave a nice message for Bronagh in the guestbook! You can submit photos for inclusion on the site and we will also be looking to feature various members on our 'Member of the Month' page. We wish to thank Bronagh for the tremendous amount of work she has put into creating the site and we look forward to developing our web presence in the future.

The website address is: [www.lochlao.com](http://www.lochlao.com)  
E-mail us at: [info@lochlao.com](mailto:info@lochlao.com)

### Loch Lao Wows the Crowds in France - Again!

For the third year in a row, Loch Lao musicians travelled to France to participate in a major international folk festival. Senior LLTMS members Claire Adams, Stephen & Louise Downey, Christine & Julia McKenna, Catherine O'Neill, Máire Wilson & Rohan Young spent the last week of July at the Gannat Festival, performing to a range of audiences and making many new friends. By all accounts the trip was a resounding success and rumour has it that the next international trip will be to Cameroon.....ask Louise! Well done to the eight members who did us proud once again and special thanks to LLTMS Chairman Joe Mulhern who organised the trip.

*Submissions & photos for An Lon Dubh are welcome! Please e-mail: [londubh@lochlao.com](mailto:londubh@lochlao.com)*

### Loch Lao at the All-Ireland Fleadh in Letterkenny

We were delighted to accept an invitation to perform on the gig rig at the All-Ireland Fleadh at the end of August, which this year was held in Letterkenny in Donegal, the first time the Fleadh has been to Ulster since the 1970's. Sixteen LLTMS members braved the elements to entertain a large crowd for over an hour and all agreed it was a worthwhile experience. Some photos are on the gallery on the website.

### Aifreann Feirste - Féile an Phobail '05

In association with Féile an Phobail, the LLTMS presented a performance of Patrick Davey's Irish language Mass *Aifreann Feirste* in St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday August 7th. The music was performed by The Glens Choir with our friend Éamonn Ó Faogáin, and many LLTMS members played in the orchestra for the Mass, which was celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown and attracted a congregation of over 600. The LLTMS gratefully acknowledges the assistance given to us by Féile an Phobail, Foras na Gaeilge, The Westwood Shopping Centre and Curley's Supermarket. *Go raibh míle maith agaibh.*

### Christmas Dinner

Knowing how much members like to socialise, we will be holding our first ever Christmas dinner on Friday December 2nd in St. Gall's. This event will be a celebration of the achievements of our Senior players this year and also to mark 2006 as the tenth year of Loch Lao. Look out for further details eg. menu & cost, in the October edition of *An Lon Dubh* and on the website shortly. Don't miss what promises to be the social event of the year! Many thanks to Maria Muldoon for her hard work with this event. *Please note that this event will most likely be unsuitable for Intermediate or Junior members.*

### Membership

Yes, it's that time of the year again. Membership fees are now due but the cost remains the same as last year: Family £15.00, Senior (over 18) £8.00 and Junior (under 18) £5.00. Membership forms will be given out during September and will be available from the website shortly. Forms & remittance should be returned to Patrick Davey by the end of September. Thank you in anticipation of your assistance.

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