

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE OF IRELAND

NEWS SHEET



The News Sheet is intended as an aid to SERVICE throughout the fellowship in Ireland.

Any suggestions as to form and content will be especially welcome.

Sticking Together So We Don't Fall Apart At The Seams

“I think that this particular General Service Conference holds promise and has been filled with progress— because it has had trouble. And it has converted that trouble into an asset, into some growth and into great promise. A.A. was born out of trouble, one of the most serious kinds of trouble that can befall an individual, the trouble attendant upon this dark and fatal malady of alcoholism. Every single one of us approached A.A. in trouble, in impossible trouble, in hopeless trouble. And that is why we came. If this Conference was ruffled, if individuals were deeply disturbed—I say “this is fine”. What parliament, what republic, what democracy has not been disturbed? Friction of opposing viewpoints is the very modus operandi on which they proceed. Then what should we be afraid of?”

Bill W., some of what he said as he addressed Conference 1958 at it's final session.

A.A.Finder

A.A. Finder is the name of our new App, available on Play Store and I Tunes. This application for smart phones, will allow members to find A.A. meeting times and their locations.

Alcoholics Anonymous

The chances of recovery by alcoholics sincerely co-operating with A.A. have, therefore, been about seven out of ten. We who have been helped back to sanity through A.A. most earnestly beg all alcoholics to study these figures. For they have the same opportunity as we, providing they make an honest attempt to recover. A.A. can do nothing for the alcoholic unwilling to help himself.

Sackville 1947

Literature			Contributions		The Road Back		
Sales	Ytd 2013	Ytd 2012	Ytd 2013	Ytd 2012	Sales	Ytd 2013	Ytd 2012
	€59163.66	€67216.24	€115,320.55	€120,709.18		€4573.17	€4239.02

Irish A.A. Groups, October 1966.

Ballina	Moy Hotel	Thurs 9.00p.m.	Dunmanway	St. Mary's Nat Sch	Thursday 8.00 p.m.
Ballinamore (Leitrim)	Church Hall	Tues & Thurs	Enniscorthy	St. Patrick's Boys Club	Sunday noon
Ballinrobe	Vocational School	Monday 9.00 p.m.	Galway	Enda Hotel	Wednesday 8.30
Ballymena	Hugemont House	Thursday 8.30 p.m.	Gorey	Particulars from Enquiries, Dublin.	
Belfast	St Mary's School	Tuesday 8.00 p.m.	Kanturk		Sundays
	104 Antrim Road	Thurs Sat & Sun 8.15	Letterkenny	Urban Co. Office	Tuesday 8.00 p.m.
	75 Lisburn Road	Mon Tues Sun 8.15 p.m.	Limerick	Cecil Hotel	Tues Fri 8.15 p.m.
Castlebar	Arts Centre	Wednesday 8.30 p.m.		Garryowen Group	Thursday 8.30
Cavan	Parish Hall	Friday 8.15 p.m.	Lismore	Christian Bros Sch	Friday 8.30 p.m.
Cookstown	Blakeley's Cafe	Tuesday 8.30 p.m.	Listowel	Listowel Arms	Wednesday 8.30
Cork	11 St. Patrick's Hill	Mon Fri 8.15 p.m.	Londonderry	Ph Tony or Lexis	Monday Thursday
Down North	Central Hospital	Wednesday 8.30 p.m.	Lurgan	Lurgan Hospital	Sunday 8.30 p.m.
Downpatrick	Downshire Hospital	Alternate Tuesdays	Mellinfont Hotel	Collon	Sunday 10.45 a.m.
Drogheda	Library, Lourdes Hosp	Tues Thurs 8.00 p.m.	Newry	General Hosp	Wednesday 8.30
Dublin	The Country Shop	Monday (Open)		Merchant's Quay	Wednesday 8.30
		Tues, Weds -Fri 8.30	Newtownabbey	Robinson Clinic	Saturday 8.00 p.m.
	Madonna House	Weds- Sat 8.30 p.m.	Portadown	Portadown Hosp.	Tuesday 8.30 p.m.
		Sun 12.15 p.m., 8.30	Roscommon	Contact Grealys Hotel	
	(Under 35 Group)	Thursday 8.30 p.m.	Sligo	Bon Chere Rest	Wednesday 9.00
	Confraternity House	Tues Fri 9.00 p.m.	Tipperary Sth	Rockwell College	Wednesday 8.30
		Sundays 3.30 p.m.	Tralee	Grand Hotel	Friday 8.30 p.m.
	49 North Gt., George's St	Wednesday 8.30 p.m.	Tuam	St Vincent De Paul	Thursday 8.00 p.m.
	Nutgrove Hse, Ratfarnham	Thursday 8.30 p.m.	Tullamore	County Buildings	Thursday 8.30 p.m.
	Nat School, Killester	Wednesday 9.00 p.m.	Waterford	Waterpark College	Thurs Mondays &
	Dun Laoghaire Group, Andorina Guest Hse	Wednesday 8.30 p.m.		Belmont Park	Fridays 8.30 p.m.
	Drumcondra Group	Tuesday 10 p.m.	Westport	Railway Hotel	2nd Wednesday of month, 8.30 p.m.
Dundalk	Leg of Mary Hall	Friday 8.00 p.m.	Wexford	St Michaels Club	Wednesday 8.30

Rockwell A.A. Group - 50th Anniversary

The venue for the first ever Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting in County Tipperary was Rockwell College, New Inn, Co. Tipperary. That was on the last Sunday in August, 1963 and now 50 years later there are in total 51 Meetings being held weekly throughout County Tipperary which includes two Meetings in Rockwell College itself. (Saturday and Wednesday night at 8 pm).

As a tribute to those who first held out the hand of friendship and showed us the way, it has been decided in their honour to commemorate the 50th Anniversary on the **24th August, at 8.00 p.m. In Rockwell College.**

Format :

Brief history of 1st A.A. Meeting

Closed A.A. Meeting

Refreshments & Social Gathering

Conventions Ireland

Tipperary Area	Aug 23rd-25th	Clonmel Park Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tippeary.	Emotional Sobriety
Clare Area Convention	Oct 11th– 13th	The Auburn Lodge Hotel, Gort Road, Ennis, Co Clare	
Kerry Area 48th Annual Convention	Nov 8th-10th	The Brandon Hotel, Tralee, Co Kerry. Contact Convention Chairperson c/o the Brandon on	066 7123333
Mayo Area Convention	Nov 29th –Dec 1st	Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar, Co Mayo.	One Day at a Time
Galway West Area Convention	Jan 10th-12th, 2014	The Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Co. Galway.	

One Day Events Ireland

Armagh Area DOG	Aug 17th, Sat	Newry Arts Centre, Newry.	Live and Let Live
Down Area DOG	Sep 29th, Sun	The Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle, Co Down.	
Belfast Area DOG	Nov 9th, Sat	Farset International, 466 Springfield Road, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT12 7DW.	

Conventions Abroad

Netherlands 27th Annual Round Up Convention	Aug 23rd-25th	Mennorode Conference Centre, Elspeek, Netherlands.	
6th Annual English Speaking Convention, Costa Blanca	Sept 13th-15th	Hotel Cabo Cervera,Ctra. Torrevieja a La Mata, 03188, Torrevieja, Alicante, Spain.	www.aa-europe.net
AusPAA Convention (Australia)	Oct 25th-27th	Fremantle Function Centre, Fremantle Oval, Parry St., Perth, Western Australia.	
AA Malta Int Convention	Nov 1st-3rd	Seashells Resort at Suncrest, Qwara, Malta .	
Lanzarote 5th Annual Convention	Jan 24th-26th 2014	Barcelo Lanzarote Resort Hotel, Avd. Del Mar, 5-E-35508 Costa Teguisse, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Spain.	
25th North Sea Convention	Jan 31st-2nd Feb 2014	Ravelingen Vacation Centre, Zeedick 290,8400 . Oostende. Belejium.	

Alcoholics Anonymous

57th All—Ireland Convention

“There is a Solution”

10th, 11th, 12th and 13th of April 2014

Castletroy Park Hotel, Dublin Road, Limerick

BOOKINGS...Phone; 061 335 566 www.castletroy-park.ie Email; reservations@castletroypark.ie

80th A.A . International Convention

July 2nd– 5th 2015

Atlanta, Georgia, USA

WEBSITE

Between May 12th And June 11th 2013, 7,255 people visited our A.A. Website. **Bounce Rate** is the percentage of visitors who exit the site after just looking at one page.

Visits
11,134

Unique
Visits
7,255

Page Views
32,616

Pages Per
Visit
2.93

Avg. Visit
Duration
00.02.44

Bounce
Rate
42.40%

STRUCTURE OF THE FELLOWSHIP IN IRELAND

The diagram below will show that the Group is the fundamental unit in the A.A. structure. Whatever “authority” exists is first expressed in the group conscience, then passed along through the General Service Representative (G.S.R.) to Conference.

Each group in an Area elects two G.S.R.’s to form an Area Committee. Each Area Committee elects four representatives to it’s Provincial Intergroup Committee. Each Intergroup Committee elects four delegates to the General Service Conference which meets twice in the year.

Conference appoints the General Service Board which is responsible for the implementation of Conference decisions and the supervision, through it’s executive Committee, of the General Service Office (G.S.O.)

While no one can speak for A.A. officially, the Conference comes close to being A.A.’s voice. The Service Handbook recommends that in making appointments to committees etc., the rotation principle should be observed.

