



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2019 FOR THE CHARITY COMMISSION OF NORTHERN IRELAND

**NMA IS DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION
OF THE HISTORY OF THE PORT OF NEWRY**



Chairmans Foreword



I find it very hard to believe that I am well into the final year of my 3 years term as Chairman of NMA. As each year passes you tend to think that the programme which we have just delivered will not be surpassed but not so with NMA. We raise the bar and up our game accordingly.

Planning for several of this year's events began in January and with our mainstream of revenue, Corporate Membership, having to be collected this was a hectic introduction to what has been a phenomenally busy year. When I reflect on the host of events that we have hosted and promoted in recent years I personally feel very proud of our achievements as a small, but very effective,

voluntary group.

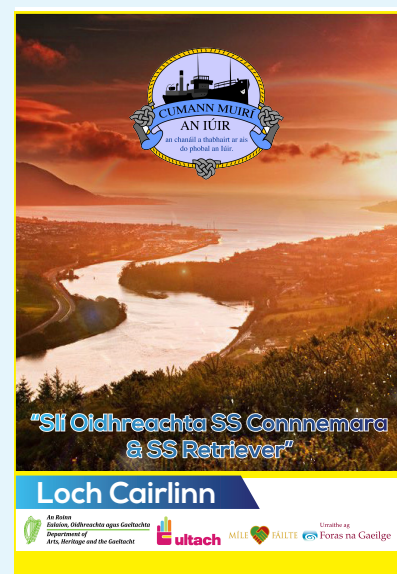
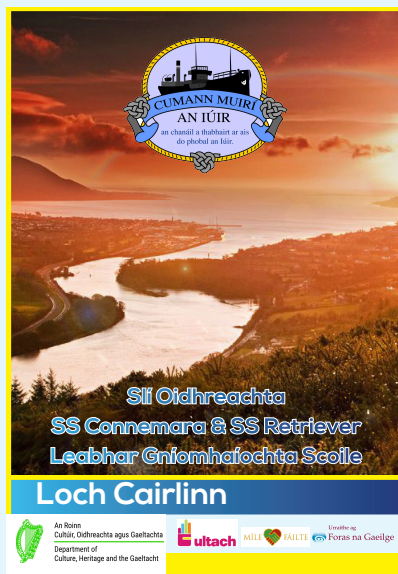
As you read through our annual report you will see just what a diverse programme we have delivered again this year further galvanising the maritime footprint which we are re-establishing across the district. On behalf of myself and our members in NMA I wish to sincerely thank all those groups and individuals who worked closely with us throughout the year helping us to deliver high-quality projects.

I look forward to eclipsing our achievements with an even more successful year in 2020.

Michael Mallon,
Chairman.



Partnerships, Progress and More Success.



This has been a very busy and successful year for NMA who is the only maritime heritage group in the district. **Over the last 5 years, our "Big Ticket" event has been the development and delivery of the "SS Connemara" / "SS Retriever" Heritage Trail and Map. This huge tranche of work has developed incrementally and we saw further major achievements this year.**

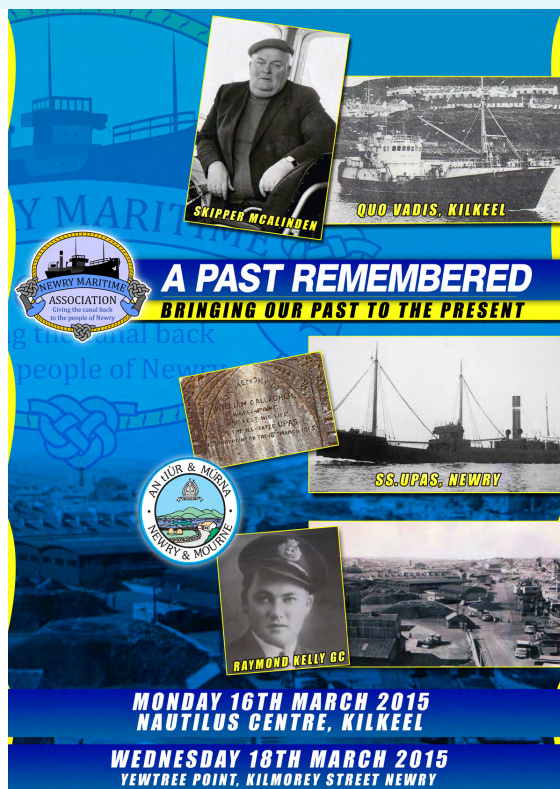
On Saturday 20th April we unveiled a commemorative plaque at the former Omeath Railway Station and this was the last link in the 23 stop heritage trail which winds its way from Kilkeel to Dundalk. **We published an Irish Language version of our heritage trail map and leaflet and organised 5 coach trips around Carlingford Lough, 2 of which were bilingual.** Working closely with Mile Failte, we also produced a schools activity book, based on the tragedy, in Irish and English versions and all publications have been warmly received.

As ever with the voluntary sector, fiscal issues are to the fore and we are deeply indebted to the DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, HERITAGE AND THE GAELTACHT whose funding made these elements of the project possible.

Once again our flagship project, the illumination of Haulbowline Lighthouse has been an outstanding success, featuring on BBC TV and across the national print media. These high profile events are just part of our diverse but all-inclusive programme as this report reflects. Networking and partnerships are key to our success and **we are very proud of the strong, wide-ranging relationships which we have developed, not just in our district, but across the island of Ireland.**

So another successful year draws to a close for NMA, now we have it all to do again in 2020, ONLY BETTER !!!

BACK TO MOURNE.



In early February we responded to an invitation from the Kilkeel branch of Libraries NI to deliver a presentation on local maritime history and focusing on links between Newry and Mourne.

We also mounted an exhibition featuring the 3 vessels to bear the famous name, "Quo Vadis" and our former Chairman, Michael O Hare, gave a most informative and insightful oversight of his career as Chief Engineer.

This event further galvanised the strong bonds which we have forged with Libraries NI and the community of the Kingdom Of Mourne.

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Kilkeel Library presents

The Maritime Links Between Newry and Mourne

James McAreavey from Newry Maritime Association will explore the maritime links between Newry and Mourne. Also featuring Michael O'Hare giving an account of the famous Quo Vadis

Tuesday 12 February at 6:30pm

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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PREPARING FOR HAULBOWLINE 2019.



Thomas Cunningham

We requested, and received, permission from Irish Lights to illuminate the lighthouse in early February.

By the end of February, we had confirmed the input of all key personnel for our illumination of the iconic Haulbowline Lighthouse. **Our specialist team includes Captain Sean Cunningham and his brother, Captain Thomas Cunningham, Thomas Braham, Michael Mallon and Michael O Hare. Without these skilled people our event would not take place.**

NMA are fiercely proud that **Haulbowline is still the only wave washed lighthouse in Ireland and Britain to be externally illuminated.**



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CARLINGFORD HERITAGE TRAIL EVENT.



NMA unveiled their 3rd heritage trail plaque in the medieval village of Carlingford on a busy sunny Saturday afternoon. The venue was the perfectly preserved former railway station which opened in 1876 as part of the infrastructure on the Greenore / Newry line.

The plaque was unveiled by NMA Chairman, Mickey Mallon, and the Chair of Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust, Harry Mc Carthy.

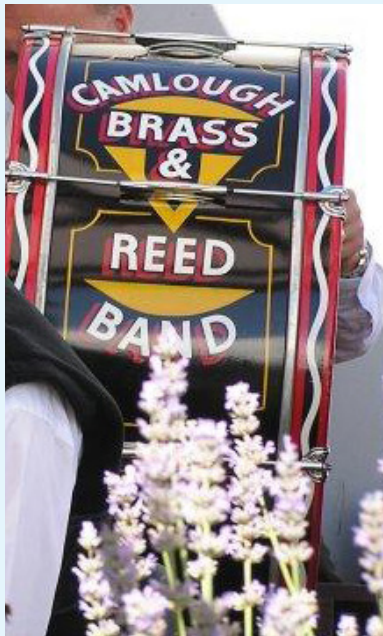


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ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE. NEWRY



Once again NMA organised transport for Camalough Brass and Reed Band to participate in the Newry St. Patricks Day Parade.

Our sincere thanks go to our Corporate Member, Citywest Transport, for providing the lorry.



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ALBERT BASIN PARK PROJECT.



A Council organised photocall to highlight some cosmetic changes at the entrance to the Albert Basin gave us an opportunity to showcase "The Gate To The Peoples Park" which was created last year at the Blacksmiths Forge In.

NMA were excluded from the Task and Finish Group set up to oversee the development of the project. We are continuing to challenge this blatant act of discrimination against our group by the Council.



HERITAGE TRAIL EVENT IN OMEATH.



We unveiled the 23rd and final commemorative heritage trail plaque in Omeath on a beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon in May. Carlingford Lough could have been the Riviera as we completed a huge tranche of work that began back in 2014.

At a hospitality function in the Granvue Hotel afterwards, we made 8 presentations to people who have given us invaluable help and assistance over the years.



LUSITANIA EVENT IN KINSALE



Last year NMA played a pivotal role in ensuring the seamless transfer of a lifeboat davit belonging to the "RMS Lusitania" from a site in Annalong to a new purpose-built museum and heritage centre in Kinsale, Co. Cork. The liner was torpedoed off the Old Head Of Kinsale on 7th May 1915, the same day as our presence.

A party of 7 from our group availed of an invitation to attend an auspicious occasion at the museum. **The American owner of the**

wreck of the ill-fated liner, Mr Greg Bemis, handed it over in trust to the museum committee and in his speech acknowledged the role which NMA had played in the relocation of their largest artefact. We also visited the Irish Naval Base at Haulbowline, Cork and distributed some of our literature there.

This was a most enjoyable and informative trip we have made very positive links with the project committee in Kinsale.



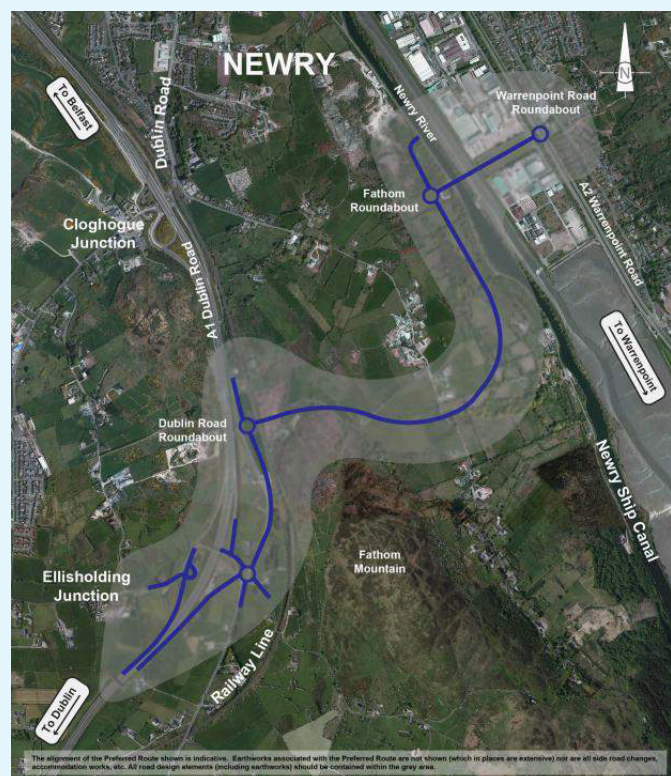
CAMPAIGNING IN THE COMMUNITY.



NMA were active participants in a community protest across the district voicing serious concerns about Department Of Health (DOH) proposals to close the Stroke Unit at Daisy Hill Hospital Newry. Over 16,000 petitions were collected over the summer and handed over to DOH officials at Stormont on 30th August. The matter is still under consideration.

This year again we were involved in the ongoing consultation regarding the construction of the Southern Relief Road (SRR) and have made our submission to the Department of Infrastructure.

The SRR is the only answer to solving the traffic chaos in Newry by removing lorries and a lot of through traffic from the city centre.



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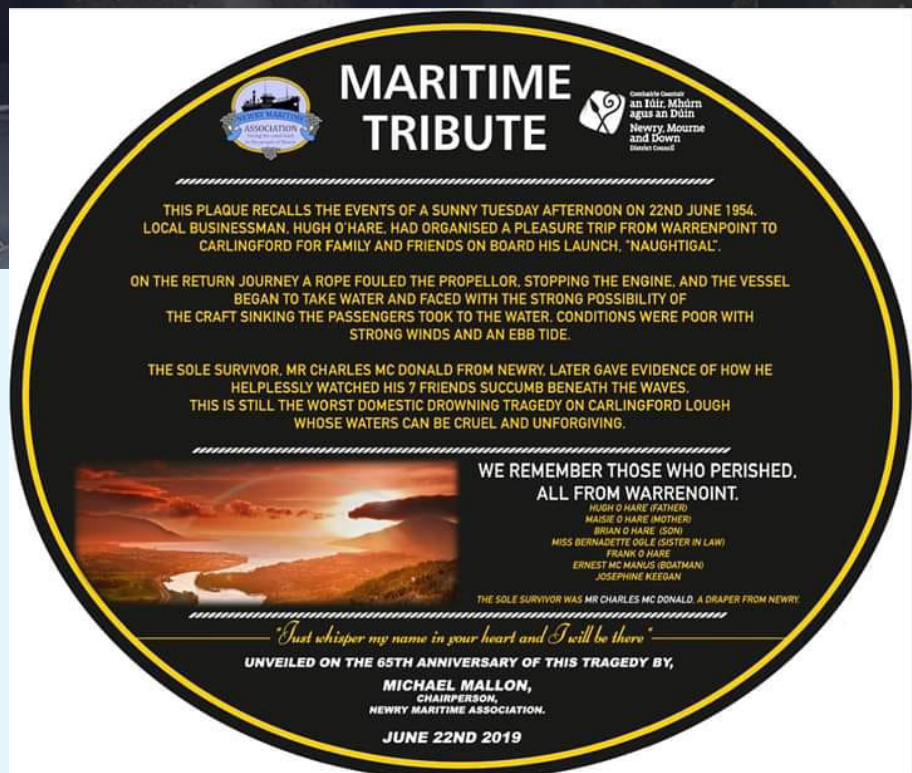


MARKING THE WORST DOMESTIC DROWNING TRAGEDY ON CARLINGFORD LOUGH 65 YEARS ON.



NMA held a very poignant event at the Town Dock Warrenpoint on Saturday 22nd June exactly 65 years after the worst domestic tragedy on the Lough when 7 people drowned.

Six of the victims hailed from Warrenpoint and the 7th was from Cavan. Local



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bookmaker, Hugh O Hare (Jnr) organised a pleasure trip to Carlingford aboard his motor launch, Naughtigal, for family and friends. On the return journey, a rope fouled the propellor of the vessel which began to take water and the engine stalled. Those aboard eventually decided to abandon the craft and take to the water.

The sole survivor, Charles mc Donald a Newry draper, clung to the boat and watched as his friends succumbed to the waters one by one. Mr O Hare, his wife, son and sister in law perished along with 3 friends. Sadly Mrs O Hare, son Brian and sister Bernadette were never found.

NMA unveiled a commemorative plaque as part of a moving tribute which was attended

by the surviving O Hare siblings, Siobhan, Orla and Terry and extended family and friends. The other 3 victims and the survivor were also represented at the event.

NMA also sponsored the "Sea Safety Perpetual Trophy" for competition by members of Carlingford Lough Currach Club and the inaugural winner was Tim Gibbons and "Warrior". Sadly Tims Father drowned on the Lough in a boating accident in 1986.

Our friends in Carlingford Lough Currach Club also held a regatta adjacent to Warrenpoint Baths in tribute to the victims.

This event was supported by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council



WELL DONE TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS

Congratulations to our Corporate Members who were high achievers this year.

Mulkerns Eurospar picked up a plethora of excellence awards.

Crilly Sweets.

Secured export orders to China. The firm established in 1974 by Peter Crilly is Irelands sole manufacturer of boiled sweets.

Nan Rice.

The proprietor of this bustling bar in the historic Ballybot quarter, Ros Mc Ardle, opened a new beer garden and upstairs lounge and function room.



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Trainor Transport.

A new Scania and livestock trailer for continental operations.

Surefreight.

Blue chip logistics and haulage firm Surefreight, headquartered in Carnbane, won two major awards at the Export and Freight 2019 ceremony.

Logistics and Warehousing Specialist of the year

Trailer Fleet of the Year

Well done to everyone involved.



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NMA WELCOMES!



Dineen Office Supplies are independent traders in Newry city centre providing a first-class service to the public, private and voluntary sectors.

Seatruck Ferries are market leaders in the unaccompanied freight sector on the Irish Sea and operate a daily ro ro service from Warrenpoint to Heysham.



The Shelbourne Home Bakery and restaurant is a highly reputable and long-established eatery which has been a main player in the commercial life of Newry for over a century.



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OBITUARY.

Our entire community was profoundly shocked and saddened at the sudden death of former SDLP councillor, Geraldine Donnelly, who passed away suddenly on holiday in Ibiza.

Geraldine, from Crossmaglen, was elected to Newry and Mourne District Council in 2005 as a representative of Slieve Gullion Ward and quickly established herself as a very professional and effective public representative. She was viewed across the political spectrum as a person of honesty and integrity and her engaging persona galvanised her popularity in personal and professional spheres.

Topping the poll in her ward in the election of 2011 she served a year as Deputy Mayor. A lady with a keen interest in the community/voluntary sector, she was always very approachable and was a good friend of NMA and a regular attendee at our events.

Geraldine stepped down from Council in 2016 and her presence is sorely missed as a true community activist who had compassion for, and an ability to assist, those who needed help and support.



The Chairman, Committee and Members of NMA extend their heartfelt sympathies to Geraldine's husband, Sean, their 3 children and 10 grandchildren.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam.



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ILLUMINATION OF HAULBOWLINE 2019.

Meteorological uncertainty over Carlingford Lough is well known and severely hampered our preparations for our 4th illumination of the iconic sea light this year.

On 3 occasions our mission had to be aborted because of poor weather conditions and with our launch arranged for Friday 2nd August tensions were rising as we inched agonisingly closer with no sign of a break in the weather.

Finally, and down to the wire, we set sail on "William John" with Captain Sean Cunningham at the wheel on Thursday.

We had just a day to spare.

Carlingford Lough was shimmering in the warm sun and our team enjoyed their journey, taking photos and marvelling at the wildlife and beautiful scenery.

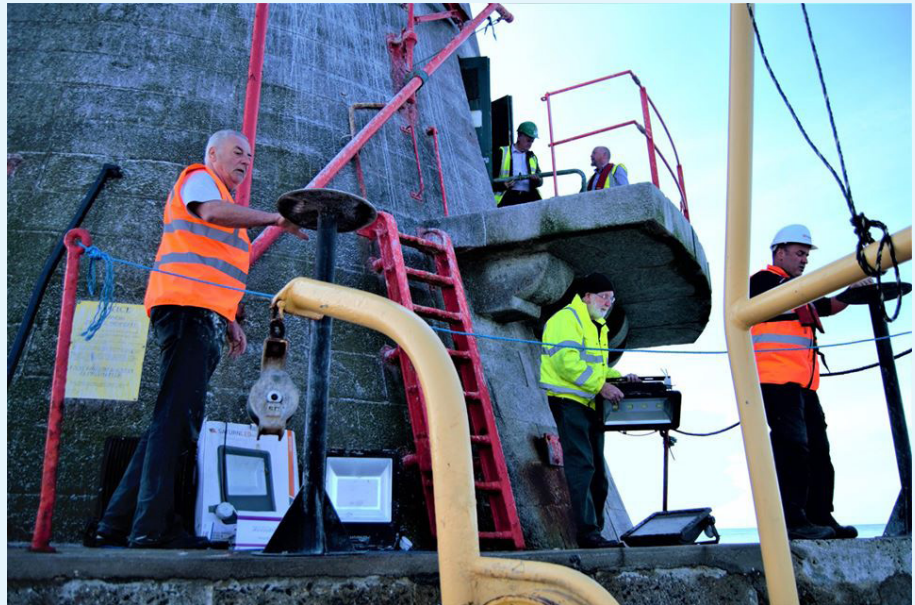


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On arrival at the lighthouse, we were greeted with a large number of Cormorants roosting on the window sills of the elegant tower. Once landed, the team got to work preparing for the arrival of the generator aboard the tug,

"Slieve Ban"





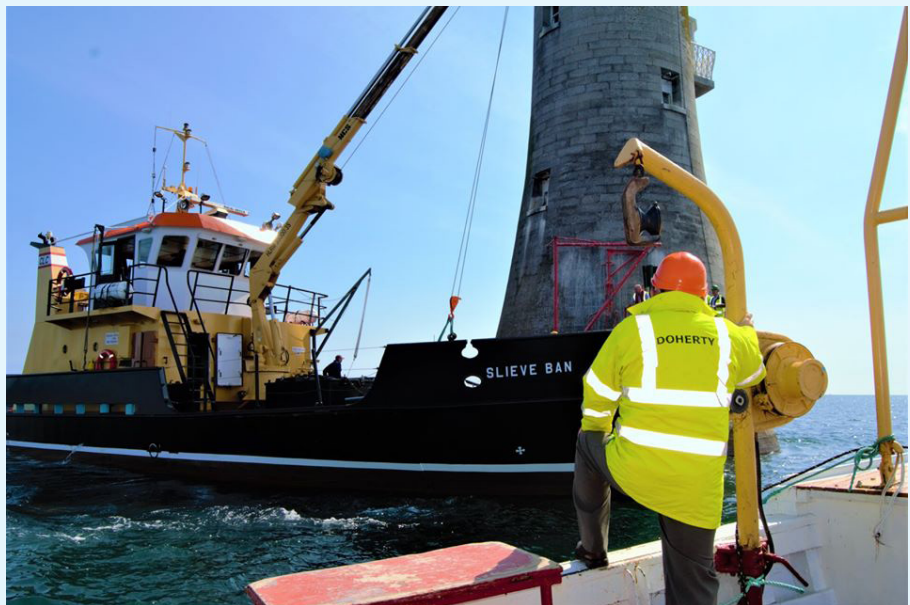
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The Carlingford Lough Commissioners tug, Slieve Ban, under the command of Captain Thomas Cunningham arrived to land our generator into the lighthouse.

Brothers Sean and Thomas Cunningham coordinated a military-style operation and within minutes it was, job done !!

We are extremely fortunate to have men of the calibre of Sean and Thomas to spearhead our operation. Between them, these men have over a century of experience of the challenging waters and conditions of the Lough.



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Thomas Braham and Chris Hickey swung into action to install the cables which would carry the power from the generator to the 5 floodlights which would illuminate the 34-metre tower for a month.





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This year marked the 195th Anniversary of the first exhibition of light in Haulbowline Lighthouse and the 4th time that NMA has externally illuminated the tower.

NMA are very proud to have secured sponsorship for this stellar event from **BRAHAM ELECTRICAL WARRENPOINT**, one of the foremost electrical contractors in Ireland.

Managing Director, Thomas Braham, takes personal charge of the operation to illuminate Haulbowline which is **STILL THE ONLY WAVE WASHED LIGHTHOUSE IN IRELAND OR BRITAIN TO BE EXTERNALLY ILLUMINATED.**



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LAUNCH NIGHT. FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST 2019.

Seamus Barry Commemorative Tribute.

Ahead of the switch on of the lights we held a commemorative event in Cranfield to remember the late Seamus Barry, a native of Warrenpoint, who was a maintenance man with Irish Lights for 32 years.

Brian Kelly from Irish Lights unveiled a plaque in memory of Seamus in the presence of our special guests, widow Kathleen and family and spoke in glowing terms of Seamus time with the organisation.

This event was supported by Newry Mourne and Down District Council





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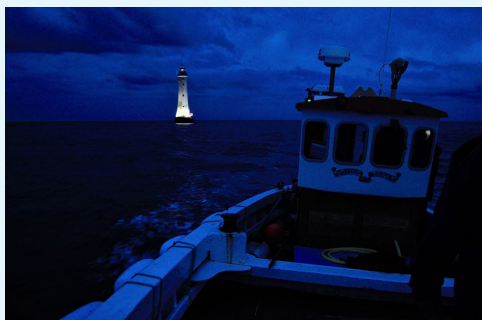


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LET THERE BE LIGHT.

At exactly 9.30 pm.
there was a resounding
round of applause
from the big crowd
assembled at Cranfield
Beach as the dark
outline of Haulbowline
was suddenly swathed
in brilliant light.

Thomas Braham had
delivered.....again.



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TV STARS. TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2019.



This year we received unprecedented publicity in the print media. As ever we are indebted to our local titles,

NEWRY REPORTER,
NEWRY DEMOCRAT,
THE EXAMINER, THE
OUTLOOK and the
MOURNE OBSERVER

FOR THEIR ONGOING
SUPPORT.

A big thank you to
journalists,

BRIAN HYLAND,
MARTIN MC GUIGAN,
GERRY MURRAY,
BARBARA BOYD, LISA
RAMSDEN and RYAN
SANDS.

A syndicated article
made the national
press across the island
and then the BBC
Newsline team came to
fill a busy schedule.



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BBC NEWSLINE ON THE LOUGH.

Initially, they featured our tribute to the O Hare Family and their friends who were drowned in the Lough in 1954. Cormac Campbell, BBC South East Correspondent and Warrenpoint native, interviewed Siobhan Overson, a daughter of Hugh and Maisie O Hare, and her niece, Jenny Mc Keown.



We travelled to Greencastle to meet with Sean and Thomas Cunningham. They would bring the crew out to Haulbowline to film the illumination from the deck of "William John".

A young mother, Ruth Maguire, was tragically drowned in the Lough whilst attending her hen night in Carlingford on St. Patricks Night.



Newcastle RNLI recovered Ruths remains on Haulbowline Rocks the following day and they returned to the Lough that evening to participate in a poignant service of remembrance. Family and friends of Ruth gathered in Carlingford on Thursday 8th August, on what should have been her wedding day, and then they boarded a special sailing of the Carlingford Lough Ferry to lay floral tributes on the water.



Newcastle RNLI fired 2 flares from the spot where they recovered Ruths remains to complete a fitting tribute to the tragic young woman and the team from BBC Newsline were on hand to record the solemn occasion.



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"SS CONNEMARA" / "SS RETRIEVER" HERITAGE PROJECT.



Once again, we were very fortunate to receive funding from the Irish Government through their Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to further develop our "SS Connemara" / "SS Retriever" Heritage Project which we began in 2014.

Last year, with the assistance of the Department, we published our heritage trail and map related to the tragedy. This year, working in partnership with Ciorca Comhra O Meith, we published an Irish language version of the Heritage Trail leaflet and a schools activity book in Irish and English formats.

We organised 5 coach trips around the Lough which included crossings on the Carlingford Lough Ferry and hospitality in the Granvue Hotel Omeath. Over 300 people travelled with us and everyone received copies of our literature. Many guests came from Counties, Louth, Meath and Monaghan including a large party from the Patrick Kavanagh Society in Inniskeen. Working with Gaelaras Mhic Ardgaill we organised 2 bilingual coach trips and both were fully subscribed.

Rooney Coach Hire driver, Ray Hicks, proved very popular with our passengers.

CURRACHS ON THE CANAL.

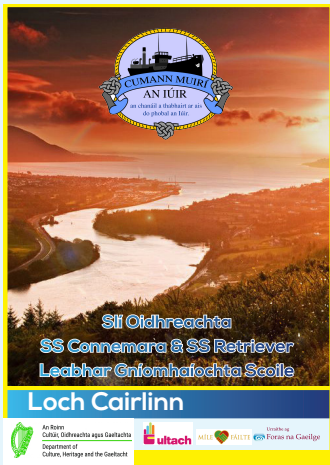
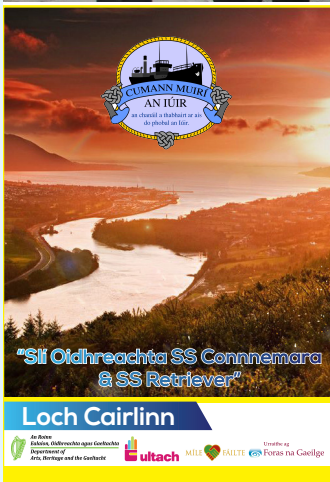
We hosted a very successful currach event on Newry Canal as part of our cross border project and were pleased to be joined by members of the Omeath and Newgrange clubs along with our own Carlingford Lough Currach Club. The event was followed by a very vibrant trad seisun in Nan Rices which put a veneer on a very enjoyable day..





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PETERS PRESENT TO O'HARE FAMILY



Peter Mallon informed us about a business artefact from Hugh O Hare Bookmakers which he had kept for over 50 years.

He wished to present it to the family and he did just that at the former home of Hugh O Hare (snr) in Dromalane.

Peter and his son, Immanuel, presented the ornamental matchbox to Siobhan Overson (daughter) and her niece, Jenny Mc Keown.

And upon reading a Reporter article on the dog's rescue, it dawned on Peter Mallon from Newry that a silver matchbox he bought some years ago was used to promote Hugh O'Hare's bookmakers business.

Through James McArevey from Newry Maritime Association (NMA), Peter got in contact with Siobhan and presented her with the family keepsake at the



James McArevey (Newry Maritime Association), Jenny McKeown, Siobhan Overson, Peter Mallon and Emmanuel Mallon pictured at the Drumalane house where Siobhan and her siblings were raised following the death of their parents on Carlingford Lough.

house in Drumalane that her grandfather raised her and her two siblings following the death of her parents – the same house that Peter delivered to as a paperboy 70 years ago.

"Years ago I was in the habit of buying wee knick knacks," Peter told the Reporter.

"One day I met this guy on the Mall in Newry and he was short of a few shillings

and I bought this matchbox of him – I would buy any keepsakes to do with Newry and the area – so I bought this and kept it as a memento.

"Then I read in the newspaper about the anniversary of the tragedy and the story about the wee dog, and I realised that it was the same Hughie O'Hare, so I looked for the matchbox and eventually found it and



PETERS PRESENT TO O'HARE FAMILY

decided I'd give it to the O'Hare family members as a little keepsake."

Siobhan said she is delighted that her family has been remembered 65 years after the drowning tragedy.

"It's fantastic," said Siobhan.

"It's been a wonderful summer, from the plaque being unveiled on June 22 to mark 65 years since the tragedy, then we were down to see the lighthouse at Cranfield being illuminated in memory of those who died in the lough, the story emerged about our pet dog being recovered, and now this beautiful matchbox, so it's absolutely wonderful to remember my family 65 years later.

"It's just amazing and we want to thank James and



The silver promotional matchbox that Hughie O'Hare used to promote his bookmakers business. It was presented to Hughie's daughter Siobhan by Peter Mallon.

everyone for everything. It is amazing that their memory will live on through this plaque and when we go, the kids and grandkids can come and visit it."

NMA spokesman James McArevey organised the plaque at Warrenpoint Dock and the lighting of Hallbowline Lighthouse throughout August.

He said the series of events over the summer has brought some closure to the O'Hare family.

"It's a further outworking of what was a terrible tragedy," said Mr McArevey.

"I think it's great that, 65 years on, the family are getting proper closure and drawing a line under things.

"It's important we remember these episodes from our past because it's part of our community and it's important to keep those memories alive."

Picture Credits Brian Hyland, Newry Reporter

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NEWRY



"Lest We Forget"

Pictured is Helena Young with the first ever Merchant Navy wreath to be laid at Newry Cenotaph.

It was placed there as part of the annual Remembrance Sunday service to remember all mariners from Newry and the surrounding areas.

The wreath-laid by Newry Maritime Association was provided by Helena Carr to recognise the contribution and remember all those from Newry and Mourne who served in the Merchant Navy during conflicts and wars.

During the second world war, German U-boats sank nearly 14.7 Million tonnes of Allied shipping which amounted to 2828 ships.



The UK alone suffer a loss of 11.7 Million tonnes, which was 54% of the total

Merchant Navy fleet at the outbreak of the Second World War.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY LONDON

"Lest We Forget"

Helen Carr's family have a long association with the sea and the port of Newry.

From her great grand father, grand father, father Pat Carr and her Uncle Jimmy Carr.

Jimmy died when Fishers vessel, "SS Privet", was lost with all hands in the Irish Sea on the 5th of December 1940.

The Fisher family sponsor a wreath for NMA which is laid annually at the London Cenotagh.



This year that wreath was laid by Adam Fisher, 5th generation of the local family of ship owners and coal and timber importers.

LAUNCH OF HERITAGE TRAIL LEAFLET AND SCHOOLS ACTIVITY BOOK.

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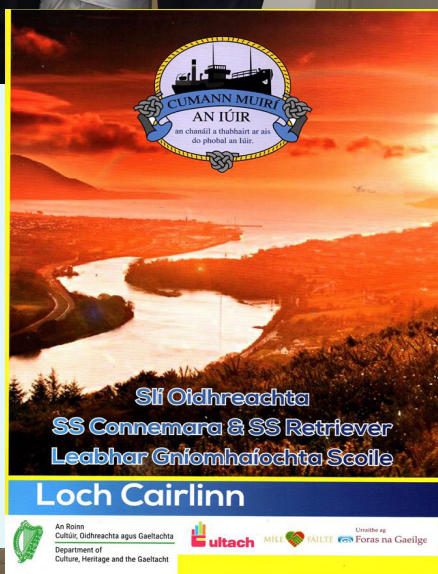


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NMA hosted a very successful event in association with Libraries NI to launch our latest publications.

We published an Irish version of our heritage trail guide and Irish and English versions of our schools



activity book.

Dr Niall Comer, President of Conradh Na Gaeilge, was fulsome in his praise of our work and spoke of the importance of project funding for voluntary groups.

We were pleased to welcome our translator, Mairead Fahy, and also Dominic Bradley and Seamas Mac Dhabeid. We extend our sincere thanks to Maria Diamond, Chris Cassidy and the staff of Newry Library for all their help and assistance.



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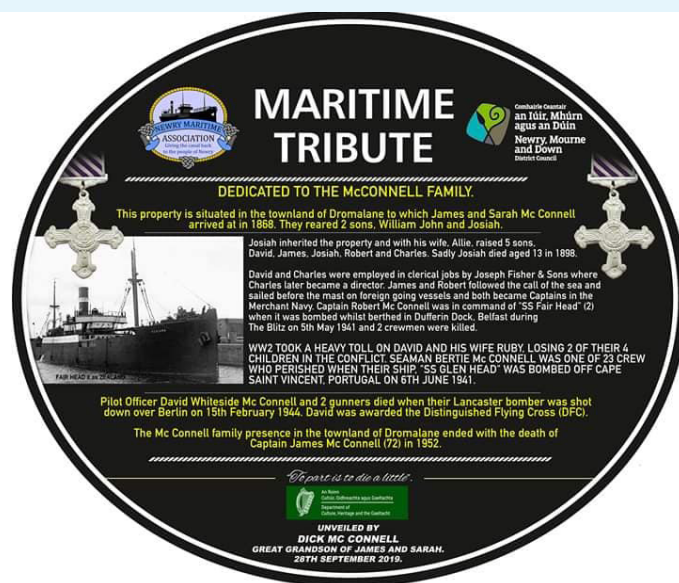


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MC CONNELL FAMILY COMMEMORATIVE EVENT.



We turned the clock back to 1868 and the arrival of James and Sarah Mc Connell into the Townland of Dromalane where they reared 5 sons. The family had strong links with the Port of Newry and Fishers.

Sons, Robert and James became Merchant Navy Captains and David and Charles worked for Fishers with the latter becoming a director of the firm.

The Mc Connells were members of the Methodist congregation and the current Minister, Rev

Annie Deche, conducted a meaningful prayer service. This all-inclusive event featured contributions from representatives of the Royal British Legion, Altnaveigh Memorial Pipe Band and Tullyvallen Silver Band.

A bespoke memorial plaque was unveiled by Mr Dick Mc Connell, a 4th generation Grandson of James and Sarah. Post-event hospitality was very generously hosted by Mr Patrick Hollywood, a third generation incumbent of the property bought by his Grandfather, also Patrick

Hollywood, in the mid-1920s.

Interestingly, Patrick (Snr) was also an employee of Joseph Fisher & Sons who was a major staple of employment across the district.

NMA wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this important cross-community event and **especially to Patrick Hollywood for facilitating us and generously providing hospitality in the family home.**



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NMA VISIT ST. JOHNS POINT LIGHTHOUSE



NMA arranged a visit to St. Johns Point Lighthouse for 14 years old Matthew Little and his mum and dad, Charlene and David. Saturday 9th November turned out to be wet and wild day and there was

a strong, howling, North Easterly wind blowing when we arrived. The lighthouse is built on an isolated headland on the Co. Down coast 3 miles south of the village of Killough.

The lighthouse was commissioned in May 1844 and stands 36.3 metres above high water. Originally white, the tower was repainted black with 2 yellow bands in 1954.

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The lighthouse was fully automated and the keepers withdrawn on 31st May 1981 and the late Henry Henvey was appointed as the attendant. **St Johns Point is one of 82 lighthouses around the coast maintained by the Commissioners of Irish Lights.**

We were welcomed to the station by Ann Conroy, a niece of Henry, who gave us a detailed overview of the history of the station and also provided greatly appreciated hospitality. Although access to the tower and buildings is prohibited, Ann gave us a guided tour of the site and introduced us to her goat, hens and ponies.

We all had a most enjoyable afternoon, especially young Matthew, and a big thank you to Ann Conroy for facilitating our visit.



Matthew with Ann Conroy

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CURRACHS ON THE CANAL AT CHRISTMAS



NMA were very pleased to host a community currach rowing event in association with our partners, Carlingford Lough Currach Club (CLCC) on Saturday 7th December from 12pm to 3pm at the Albert Basin, opp Sainsburys. We were also joined by members of the New Grange Sea Currach Project.



This was a free event for people to come along and experience a trip on the waterway in a traditional currach.

Professional tutors were on hand and all safety gear was provided.

The Chairman of the council, Councillor Charlie Casey, presented New Life Jackets to

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CLCC for which NMA had received council funding. NMA are very proud of the Strong working relationship which they had built up with CLCC over many years.

Once again the event proved very popular with many people having a first experience of a trip on the Newry canal.



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