

BARROW BULLETIN

FROM JOHN O'GORMAN



MEMORIAL STONE UNVEILED

Arthur Keppel, Barrow Branch Chairman unveiled a memorial stone in Leighlinbridge on Sunday 29 December. The project was organised by the local Leighlinbridge Improvement Group and was included as part of the National Gathering 2013. The stone is in the Garden of Remembrance on the west bank of the Barrow in Leighlinbridge and is in loving memory of all those who perished in the 'Goodly Barrow'. The unveiling ceremony was attended by local clergy and a small group of relatives and friends. It was followed by a tree planting ceremony. The tree was presented to the group by Rachel Doyle of Arboretum Lifestyle and Garden Centre Leighlinbridge.

CANAL BYE LAWS.

The January meeting of the branch took place in Doyle's Pub

Graiguenamanagh on Tuesday 28 January. The meeting was well attended and members expressed their views on the proposed draft bye laws. Members were urged to make individual submissions on the matter and sign the letter issued by the canal action group.

INISTIAGE PROJECT.

The branch has put together a proposal to develop the old canal cut downstream of the bridge at Inistiage Co. Kilkenny. This development will enable boats to moor safely in the cut at all stages of the tide. Visiting boats currently moor out in the river or tie up to the quay wall where they must dry out at low water. The project is being undertaken by a sub committee of branch members Liam O Connor, Marty Murphy and Declan Davis. They are currently in the process of sourcing funding that will finance the

preparative studies that are required before work can start.

GREEN AND SILVER.

Since the re-opening of the Royal Canal the Dublin Branch IWAI has listed as eighty six the number of boats that have completed the trip. The *Green and Silver* has been completed by no less than eleven boats from the Barrow. The list is as follows: *Seachrán*, Fritz Rinagl and Josie Molloy; *Aisling*, John

and Chris O'Neill; *Murchadha*, Marty, Mary and Amy Murphy; *Gypsy Maiden*, Kennedy Family; *O Connaire*, Connery Family; *Piecere*, Brendan and Mary Stafford; *Fortissimo*, Arthur and Kathleen Keppel; *Crescendo*, Paddy and Marie Quirke; *Misty Morning*, Declan Davis and Mary Mc Evoy; *Moonshine*, O'Gorman Family and *Féileacán*, Sean Buckley.

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