

# BARROW BULLETIN

FROM JOHN O'GORMAN



Christmas walkers

## RIVERBANK WALK.

The annual riverbank walk took place as planned this year. A group of twenty five branch members and friends walked from Goresbridge to Ballytiglea Bridge. The weather was dry and conditions underfoot were ideal for the afternoon stroll. All were treated to mulled wine and some festive treats in the residence of Fritz Rinagl and Josie Molloy at Áras na hAbhainn. This event has become a tradition in the branch and the post walk refreshments at Áras na hAbhainn has become an excellent opportunity to catch up with fellow boaters during the 'off' season.

## PREPARING FOR 2015.

The branch has put together a calendar of events for 2015. The

first rally of the year will be the Slyguff Rally on the 2, 3 & 4 May. The Cruise in Company to Carrick on Suir will take place over the June Bank Holiday weekend. A new event has been added this year in the form of a Cruise in Company to Inistioge to coincide with the local vintage rally on the August Bank holiday weekend. Branch members have been asked to encourage boaters who have never been to Inistioge before to join the crowd. There will be plenty of help available to ensure safe and secure mooring and for those that moor out on the river there will be dinghies available to ferry people back and forth to shore.

It is hoped that an event like this would raise the profile of Inistioge as a destination on the

Three Sisters to help it become a regular port of call for all on the estuary. This in turn will give further impetus to the Inistioge Project currently being undertaken by the branch.

## BARROW BLUEWAY.

Waterways Ireland are currently working on a project that would see the Barrow Track from

Lowtown to St. Mullins upgraded to accommodate cyclists and walkers. The proposal comes from a study done for Waterways Ireland and Fáilte Ireland in conjunction with Carlow County Development Partnership, Kilkenny Leader Partnership and Carlow, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Wexford County Councils to identify the tourism potential of the Barrow Corridor. Waterways Ireland recently had a series public exhibitions of the proposed developments where the public were invited to view in detail the proposed changes and engage with Waterways Ireland staff on the issue. Waterways Ireland staff reported that there had generally been a very positive reaction to the proposal along the route with most of the concerns being raised by users at the southern end of the track.

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## NEW ROSS BOATYARD

Industry dry dock 79m long x 15m wide

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Mechanical, Electrical, Painting etc on Site

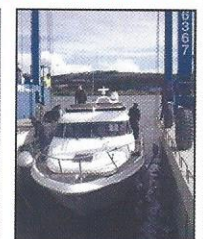
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