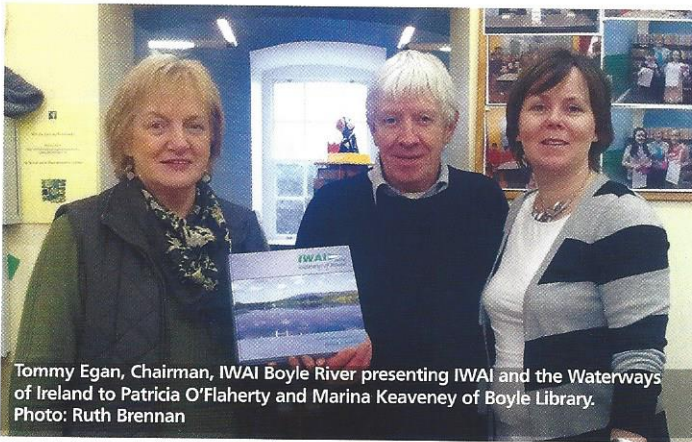


BOYLE RIVER NEWS

FROM TOMMY EGAN



Tommy Egan, Chairman, IWAI Boyle River presenting IWAI and the Waterways of Ireland to Patricia O'Flaherty and Marina Keaveney of Boyle Library. Photo: Ruth Brennan

AGM

IWAI Boyle River held its Annual General Meeting in the Moorings Knockvicar on 15 November. A big crowd attended the AGM, and the outgoing officers were congratulated on the great work they have done for the branch in the previous year.

Outgoing chairperson Kay Baxter outlined to the meeting all that went on for the last year. Items discussed were the up to date position on *Dunrovin*, winter moorings, canal bye laws and the cruises in company the branch had held. Under correspondence, Waterways Ireland has received a request from the branch to install power at Boyle Harbour, to reconnect the water supply to the north side of Boyle Harbour and to extend the jetty south of Clarendon lock. These matters have been passed on to Ray Dunne, Western Regional Manager of Operations and we would hope that this year at

least some of the works might be carried out. A discussion then followed on the up to date position of reopening the canals at Drummans Island. This is a project the branch feels will be a great advantage to the tourism potential of Lough Key Forest Park and the members intend to pursue this with great vigour in the coming year. Copies of the 60th anniversary book *IWAI and the Waterways of Ireland* were sold to members and Peter Griffin was complimented on his article on the history of the Boyle River Branch in the book. IWAI Boyle River intend to hold a meeting in early March to plan our 2015 calendar of events.

NEW OFFICERS

The AGM elected new officers for the coming year and countless tributes were paid to the outgoing officers for the great work they done. The new officers elected are: Chairman, Tommy Egan; Treasurer, David Eustace; Secretary, Catriona Gately, Child Welfare Officer,

Kevin Regan. Our council representative remains Kay Baxter,

XMAS PARTY

The branch held its annual Christmas party in Lough Key Marina and over thirty members had a very enjoyable night

MINUTES SILENCE

At a recent meeting, IWAI Boyle River held a minutes silence for two past members of the branch: Paddy O'Regan, the well-liked publican from Cootehall and Pete Walsh of Ardcarne, a well-known boat man on Lough Key.

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IWAI Boyle River Xmas Party
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