

CARRICK BITTS

FROM CONOR MEEGAN



Shannon Blueway
Photo: Brian Fitzgerald

At the time of writing we might count ourselves lucky on having such a mild winter, pretty much normal winter temperatures and water levels to date. Hopefully this will leave many branch members in good stead as we look forward to the many events planned for the coming year.

On behalf of the new Carrick-on-Shannon executive, I would sincerely like to thank everyone who has participated in the many branch events over the last year. A change at the helm sees Colin Corcoran as the new Carrick Chairperson with Trish Byron as the new Hon Sec, we wish them well in their new roles.

AGM

The 2014 Carrick AGM held in the Bush hotel was exceptionally well attended with over 65 members present. Prior to Chairman Conor Meegan and Hon Sec Bláithín Fitzgerald standing down from their positions, they welcomed the incoming Chairperson and Hon Secretary to their new roles and wished them well for the coming years.

The outgoing officers were returned un-opposed and the committee has grown with new members also.

Following the AGM Brian Cassells was on hand for the Carrick launch of his book *IWAJ and the Waterways of Ireland* and he quickly captivated the audience with his slide show and wonderful description of how the book was compiled. This was followed by light refreshments in the hotel.

SHANNON BLUEWAY

The Shannon Blueway launched in October 2014 has recently been awarded Ireland's best tourism initiative. This multi activity trail running along the canal between Drumshanbo and Carrick-on-Shannon includes 17

km of canoe trail and a walking/cycling route which can only enhance the popularity of the north Shannon region. It is also hoped that a section will also be in place along the Camlin River later this year.

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to remind all branch members that without you, the members, we would be nothing, and without being members of the association the branch can do nothing.

All members are reminded that to participate in branch events, CICs, rallies etc you need to be a current member. Any queries or to complete membership renewal please contact membership@iwai.ie or use the on line system.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All members are encouraged to attend branch events and indeed to encourage others to participate also. Full details are in the calendar enclosed with this edition of IWNI.

The calendar is kept up to date as dates and times are confirmed. Further details can be found at www.carrick.iwai.ie

KEEPING UP TO DATE

Using text messaging and email, the branch members are continuously informed of upcoming events. If you wish to receive text messages please text your name and number to 086 2154585, or email iwaicarrick@gmail.com, and also visit us on Facebook.

BRANCH WEBSITE

The new branch website is continuously updated, so if you have any photos stories or interesting news items, please email them to our web team. You can contact the web team by using the contact form on the website or email iwaicarrick@gmail.com



Brian Cassells and Carmel Meegan at book launch
Photo: Joe Byrne