

OLD SOD SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER #1

5 September 1984

Hello Again! After a summer drought, relieved only by the Devils Pipe concert, we're gearing up for another winter of good music. As you will see from the attached sheet, we're off to a good Irish start with KINVARA (Tuesday, 25 Sept) and Joe & Antoinette McKenna (Tuesday, 2 Oct).

Some of you may recall that we were refused a licence by the LLBO for the Devil's Pipe Concert. Quite out of the blue, the Board asked us for a set of by-laws and a slate of directors, neither of which we had at the time. Since that we have acquired both and have applied to the LLBO for an approval number, which should ease us through the red tape for future events. We are confident this will all be straightened out shortly, and indeed we have already been granted a licence for the Kinvara Concert.

One side effect of our LLBO hassles has been that we are having to raise our "membership fee" to \$10.00 per year (Apparently you're not a bonafide organization unless you charge your members at least \$10.00!). We propose to do this as follows:

- All present mailies will be kept on the list providing we receive \$10.00 by the end of the year. Membership fee may be paid at the door during one of the concerts, or mailed to:

Old Sod Society

- All members will receive a membership card which will be good for a discount (one per membership) on tickets for all events over the coming year. The astute will notice here that it's actually possible to get it all back, so hopefully nobody loses!

As always, Old Sod is being run in strictly non-profit manner, the intent being simply to share the cost of concerts over as many as possible. Naturally, all of us wish to pay as little as possible, so.... invite a friend, or two ... or....

Future concert plans for this year (ahh, here it comes!) include a number of house concerts, as well as performances by The Friends of Fiddler's Green, and Martin Carthy and John Kirkpatrick. Naturally, we'll be keeping you posted!

Also, we're looking forward to inaugurating a series of English Country Dances in the winter (to help keep out the Big Chill). The band has started practicing, plans are afoot for a beginner's workshop, and by Christmas we hope to have a monthly dance on our calendar (or maybe even in a hall). These have been enormously successful in London, Toronto and Peterborough, so get your dancing shoes ready for a great time!

Looking forward to your continued support... 's all for now. See you on the 25th.

— KINVARA —

Tuesday, 25th September; 8pm

Glebe Community Centre

Yes folks, last year's biggest hits, REEL UNION are returning, except now they have a different name, KINVARA.

Dolores Keane has been called "Virtually the best Irish female singer alive" by one Washington, D.C. critic. Her singing could be compared to the virtuosity of Ireland's greatest pipers and fiddlers; decorative and fluid, and always true to the spirit of the song.

John Faulkner plays guitar, bouzouki, and hurdy gurdy, all with superb touch and taste, and also brings an enormous and varied repertoire of songs to the band's audiences.

Jackie Daly plays button accordion in the lyrical and lively style of Kerry and his native North Cork. Jackie is recognised as simply one of the best musicians in all Ireland - Enough said!

James Kelly, son of fiddling legend John Kelly, demonstrates the virtuosity and style of one who was raised with a bow in his hand. He is currently a member of KINVARA and PLANXTY both!

MEMBERS: \$7

NON-MEMBERS: \$9

JOE & ANTOINETTE MCKENNA

Tuesday, 2nd October; 8pm

Glebe Community Centre

Joe and Antoinette, who played a memorable concert in St. Pat's Hall last year are two of the most sought-after Irish musicians touring today. Joe, almost born and raised in Dublin's revered Pipers' Club, is already considered one of the great Uilleann pipers, as he showed us all on his last visit. Combine this virtuosity with the brilliant and tasteful harp accompaniment of Antoinette, add a scattering of her wonderful song repertoire, and you have the makings of a truly fine evening.

MEMBERS: \$7

NON-MEMBERS: \$8.50

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