

*Cláraithe Leis An Choimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha*

*The Southern  
England  
Regional Council*



presents the

**Southern England  
Oireachtas, 2011**

**Friday 4th to Sunday 6th Nov**

**Broxbourne Civic Hall  
High Street  
Hoddesdon  
Hertfordshire  
EN11 8BE**



# **Adjudicators**

**Colette McAllister ADCRG, Leinster, Ireland**

**Jenny Wilson-Flower ADCRG, Midlands, England**

**Mary Honan ADCRG, Munster, Ireland**

**Aidan Comerford ADCRG, Midlands, England**

**Terry Gillan ADCRG, New England, USA**

# **Musicians**

**Dean Crouch, England**

**Sean O'Brien, England**

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES  
WEDNESDAY 17th OCTOBER 2011**

*Syllabus Approved by  
The Southern England Regional Council*



## **DEAR TEACHERS, PARENTS AND DANCERS,**

On behalf of the Southern England Regional Council we are delighted to present the syllabus for this year's Southern England Oireachtas, to be held in the Broxbourne Centre from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> through to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

We aim for this year's event to be a celebration of our art-form, remembering those 37 solo dancers – including one World Champion – who so successfully represented our region this year in Dublin, and also as a platform for those aspiring dancers hoping achieve the ultimate goal of qualification to next years *Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne*.

As in previous years, we strive to constantly improve the event and this year is no exception with the introduction of mixed under 6 and under 7 championships, plus two honouree belt competitions (see further explanation below).

For our teachers, a reception will take place in the Marriot Hotel on Saturday evening, as a small thank you for attending this year's event with your dancers and their families. See the invitation in this syllabus for details.

As usual, you will also be able to purchase your dancing supplies from both Melaine Murphy and Feiswear, or have a unique photo opportunity with Time in Focus, in the bar area of the theatre.

**Guy McCoig-Lees, Chair, SERC**

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### **OIREACHTAS BELT COMPETITIONS**

#### **The EILEEN (Nellie) RYAN MEMORIAL BELT COMPETITION 2011**

Under 12 years (Mixed) Traditional Set Dance Competition – St. Patrick's Day

The Southern England Regional Council would like to invite all teachers to consider entering their dancers for this competition, which is an innovation for this year's Oireachtas.

In this inaugural year, it is right that this special competition honours a past member of the Southern Region (London) who was one of the first two teachers (TCRG) Registered by An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha, in 1949 ... and who formed the basis of Irish dancing as it is today.

This dedication will change every year, in order that many of those who were the mainstay of dancing in London will not be forgotten.

#### **The CHARLIE SMYTH PERPETUAL BELT COMPETITION 2011**

Over 12 years (Mixed) Traditional Set Dance Competition – The Blackbird

The Southern England Regional Council invites all teachers to consider entering dancers for this competition, which is also new to the Oireachtas.

Charlie Smyth came to this country from Kilkenny in the mid 1940s and set up his school, which became one of the most successful of its time, producing many champion dancers as well as teachers and adjudicators – some of whom are still around today.

Along with Eileen Ryan, Charlie was registered as a TCRG by An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha, in 1949. He remained a major part of dancing until he died in 1979.

There is no doubt that upon the arrival of Charlie Smyth and Eileen Ryan Irish dancing took off in our region, and continues to flourish today as a result. More information will be published in the Oireachtas programme.



## Entry Fees

<b>Solo championship (includes trophy result)</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>Ceili championships (per dancer)</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
<b>Belt competitions</b>	<b>£4.00</b>
<b>Family fee</b>	<b>£50.00</b>
<b>Pre-admission (per family, whole Oireachtas)</b>	<b>£10.00</b>

Cheques must be payable to "**SERC**"

One cheque per school only – £10 admin charge for further cheques

Entries to be sent BY EMAIL ONLY, on the official Excel entry form  
(attached and available from [www.sercweb.com](http://www.sercweb.com)) with payment BY POST

**The closing date for entries is Wednesday 17th October.  
Late entries will be accepted to 24 October with admin fee.  
No entries will be accepted after 24 October.**

Entries must be received BY EMAIL on or before 17 October and full payment made BY POST and postmarked on or before 17 October.

Late entries received by email with appropriate payments by post from 18 to 24 October inclusive will incur an admin fee of £5 per dancer, to be included in the single school payment.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO IDENTIFY EACH PUPIL WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE TROPHY COMPETITION BY MARKING THE APPROPRIATE BOX ON THE ENTRY FORM.

**Entries to be emailed to: [oireachtas\\_secretary@sercweb.com](mailto:oireachtas_secretary@sercweb.com)**

**Cheques by post to: The Oireachtas Secretary  
Heath Cottage, Green Lane  
Farnham Common  
SL2 3SP**

**Website: [www.sercweb.com](http://www.sercweb.com)**



## SOUTHERN ENGLAND OIREACHTAS – DANCES FOR 2011

Comp No	Age Group		Round 1 Heavy	Round 2 Light	Round 3 Recall	Year of Birth
1	5 & Under 6	Mixed	Reel	Light Jig	No Recall	2005
2	6 & Under 7	Mixed	Reel	Light Jig	No Recall	2004
3	7 & Under 8	Girls	Heavy Jig	Reel	Trad Set	2003
4	8 & Under 9	Girls	Heavy Jig	Reel	Trad Set	2002
5	9 & Under 10	Girls	Hornpipe	Reel	Choice	2001
6	10 & Under 11	Girls	Heavy Jig	Slip Jig	Choice	2000
7	11 & Under 12	Girls	Hornpipe	Reel	Choice	1999
8	12 & Under 13	Girls	Heavy Jig	Slip Jig	Choice	1998
9	13 & Under 14	Girls	Hornpipe	Reel	Choice	1997
10	14 & Under 15	Girls	Heavy Jig	Slip Jig	Choice	1996
11	15 & Under 16	Girls	Hornpipe	Reel	Choice	1995
12	16 & Under 17	Girls	Heavy Jig	Slip Jig	Choice	1994
13	17 & Under 18	Ladies	Hornpipe	Reel	Choice	1993
14	18 & Under 19	Ladies	Heavy Jig	Slip Jig	Choice	1992
15	19 & Under 20	Ladies	Hornpipe	Reel	Choice	1991
16	Over 20	Ladies	Hornpipe	Reel	Choice	1990 or Earlier
17	7 & Under 8	Boys	Heavy Jig	Reel	Trad Set	2003
18	8 & Under 9	Boys	Heavy Jig	Reel	Trad Set	2002
19	9 & Under 10	Boys	Hornpipe	Reel	Choice	2001
20	10 & Under 11	Boys	Hornpipe	Reel	Choice	2000
21	11 & Under 12	Boys	Heavy Jig	Reel	Choice	1999
22	12 & Under 13	Boys	Hornpipe	Reel	Choice	1998
23	13 & Under 14	Boys	Heavy Jig	Reel	Choice	1997
24	14 & Under 15	Boys	Hornpipe	Reel	Choice	1996
25	15 & Under 16	Boys	Heavy Jig	Reel	Choice	1995
26	16 & Under 17	Boys	Hornpipe	Reel	Choice	1994
27	17 & Under 18	Men	Heavy Jig	Reel	Choice	1993
28	18 & Under 20	Men	Hornpipe	Reel	Choice	1992/1991
29	Over 20	Men	Heavy Jig	Reel	Choice	1990 or Earlier
30	Under 10	Girls	8 Hand Ceili: Choice of dance			2001 or Later
31	Under 10	Mixed	8 Hand Ceili: Choice of dance			2001 or Later
32	Under 12	Girls	8 Hand Ceili: Choice of dance			1999 or Later
33	Under 12	Mixed	8 Hand Ceili: Choice of dance			1999 or Later
34	12 & Under 15	Girls	8 Hand Ceili: Choice of dance			1996-1997- 1998
35	12 & Under 15	Mixed	8 Hand Ceili: Choice of dance			1996-1997- 1998
36	15 & Under 18	Ladies	8 Hand Ceili: Choice of dance			1995-1994-1993
37	Over 18	Ladies	8 Hand Ceili: Choice of dance			1992 or Earlier
38	Over 15	Mixed	8 Hand Ceili: Choice of dance			1995 or Earlier
39	Under 12	Mixed	Belt competition: St Patrick's Day			1999 or Later
40	Over 12	Mixed	Belt competition: The Blackbird			1998 or Earlier



# Southern England Regional Oireachtas 2011

*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November*

**9.00am start**

5 & U6 Mixed Championship  
6 & U7 Mixed Championship  
7 & U8 Championship Boys & Girls  
8 & U9 Championship Boys & Girls  
9 & U10 Championship Boys & Girls  
10 & U11 Championship Boys & Girls  
11 & U12 Championship Boys & Girls  
U10 & U12 Girls & Mixed Ceili Championships  
U12 Memorial Belt Competition - St Patrick's Day

*Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November*

**8.30am Start**

12 & U13 Championship Boys & Girls  
13 & U14 Championship Boys & Girls  
18 & U19 Ladies Championship  
19 & U20 Ladies 18 & U20 Men's Championship  
Senior Ladies & Senior Men Championship  
Sen Ladies & Mixed Ceili Championships

*Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November*

**8.30am start**

14 & U15 Championship Boys & Girls  
15 & U16 Championship Boys & Girls  
16 & U17 Championship Boys & Girls  
17 & U18 Championship Boys & Girls  
U18 Girls Ceili  
U15 Girls & Mixed Ceili Championships  
Over 12 Belt Competition - The Blackbird

Parade of Champions

Please note that the above is NOT a running order – changes may be made when all entries have been received. The final timetable will be published on the SERC website one week prior to the Oireachtas. We will make every effort to keep to the days shown above for the age groups, but we reserve the right to make changes if absolutely necessary.

**All dancers should be dressed and ready to dance 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of their championship.**

Under 6, 7, 8 & 9 : All rounds will be danced three at a time (no recall)  
Under 10, 11, 12 & 13 : Heavy round in threes and light round in twos  
Under 14 and upwards : First two rounds will be danced two at a time



# Southern England Oireachtas Rules

1. Ages to be taken from 1st January 2011.
2. The feis will be run in accordance with the Rules of An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha.
3. Lodgement of entries implies that you acknowledge and accept all of the rules of An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha and the Southern England Regional Council, plus the additional rules listed below, relating to the feis.
4. Entries will only be accepted from schools registered with An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha.
5. Dancers should have their competitor registration card or any other recognised ID (valid passport or birth certificate) with them in the event of a query as to their age group.
6. A panel of 5 adjudicators will judge all championships. All championship cups are perpetual and recipients will be responsible for any loss or damage and for the safe return in time to be presented to subsequent winners. All returned cups must be cleaned and polished, and in a suitable condition for immediate presentation.
7. All decisions of the adjudicators are FINAL.
8. The Southern England Regional Council accept no liability for loss or damage to personal property.
9. Entries may be taken on the day at the discretion of the feis organiser.
10. NO SMOKING - The whole venue is a smoke free zone.
11. No EATING or DRINKING in any of the halls, except in defined areas.
12. No VIDEO or DIGITAL recordings are allowed whilst competitions are in progress.
13. Any form of unauthorised photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means, e.g mobile phone, standard camera, video camcorder, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is expressly forbidden in competition. Photographs taken at awards ceremonies are permitted. However, these must be for your own use and, not for public display purposes unless permission has been obtained.
14. Objections against any breach of the rules must be made to the Oireachtas chairperson, by registered teachers only in writing and signed, within one hour of the alleged breach. Objections must be accompanied by a fee of £25.00, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
15. Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and who subsequently refuses to remove same will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically prescribed apparatus (about which proof may be required), will be exempt from this rule.
16. In all heavy dances the lead round must be danced on both RIGHT and LEFT feet.
17. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children at all times whilst attending the Oireachtas and will be liable for any damage caused to the venue.
18. An Coimisiún has ruled that from 1st January 2011, that no block, en pointe, stationary or moving be allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under 12 age group worldwide. The under 12 age group will be allowed to toe walk from 1st September 2011.
19. Coaching from the auditorium is not permitted.
20. All of the dancers deserve the same respect and ovation on completion of their performance. Excessive and unique audible/verbal celebrations upon completion of a performance will not be tolerated. This rule does not apply to presentations.
21. **Oireachtas Trophy Competition 2011**

Any dancer who has not placed top 3 in an open championship in the year 2011, is not a current world medal holder and is not a current world qualifier, is eligible to enter into the Oireachtas 2011 trophy competition. If eligible please indicate on the entry sheet.

  - a. If a dancer who is eligible to enter the trophy competition is placed in the recall after two rounds, they will not be placed in the trophy result
  - b. Teachers must indicate the dancer's eligibility for the trophy competition for administrative purposes. If this information is not supplied by the teacher, dancers will not be eligible. This information will not be available to the adjudicators.





# The Southern England Regional Council

[www.sercweb.com](http://www.sercweb.com)

## **Southern England Oireachtas 2011 Programme Advertising/Championship Sponsorship**

As you are aware, the Southern England Oireachtas will run from November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> at The Broxbourne Theatre. This venue offers excellent facilities for both dancers and families.

In an effort to maintain and continually improve the profile and standards of the Oireachtas, we are keen to engage sponsors and advertisers, who will receive significant exposure during the event. We are therefore writing to seek your assistance in sponsoring one of the championships or advertising in the programme.

The packages on offer are as follows:

1. Full championship sponsorship including banner advert in programme – £100
2. Half-page colour programme advert – £50 for registered dance schools and £75 for commercial businesses
3. Full-page colour programme advert – £75 for registered dance schools and £100 for commercial businesses.

Please email all queries and artwork to [mccoiglees@aol.com](mailto:mccoiglees@aol.com), no later than **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you again for the interest shown in this year's event.

Yours

**June and Denis Way**  
**Joint Chairpersons of the SERC Oireachtas**





**The SOUTHERN ENGLAND REGION  
invites you to a**

**TEACHERS RECEPTION  
(drinks reception & buffet)**

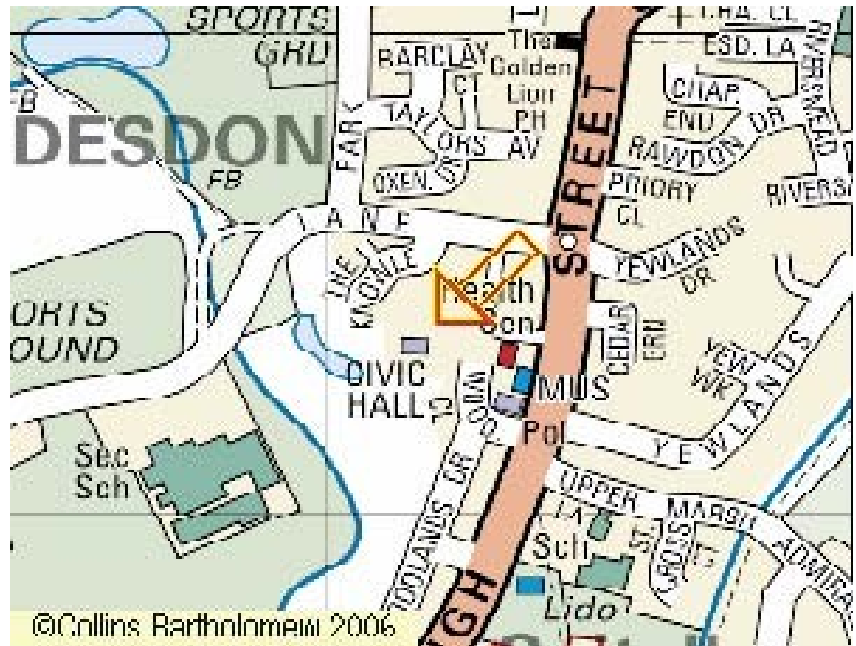
**At the  
CHESHUNT MARRIOTT HOTEL  
Halfhide Lane  
Turnford  
Broxbourne  
EN10 6NG**

**SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER  
8pm onwards  
(depending on timetable)**



## Directions:

**Broxbourne Civic Hall**  
**High Street**  
**Hoddesdon**  
**Herts. EN11 8BE**



### FROM THE M25

Leave the M25 at Junction 25. Take the A10 towards Hertford and Cambridge. Leave the A10 at the Broxbourne exit. Follow the signs for Broxbourne and you will be on a dual carriageway. At the first roundabout turn left onto High Street Wormley, which will become High Street Hoddesdon. Continue until you see a police station on your left hand side. Broxbourne Civic Hall will be signposted. It is the first left turn after the police station.

### BY TRAIN

Broxbourne Station has a regular service to London's Liverpool Street. There is a Taxi rank at the station and the venue is less than a five minute journey.

### TAXI - MINICAB NUMBERS

BROXBOURNE STATION CARS, 11 CHURCHFIELDS, EN10 7JU

TEL: 01992 464007

RSM CARS, 39 HIGH ROAD, WORMLEY, EN10 6HT

TEL:01992 444444

SOVEREIGN CARS, 17 WINFORD DRIVE, BROXBOURNE, EN10 6PL

TEL: 01992 444543

### PARKING - RESTAURANTS

There is a free car park next to the venue and the local restaurants are within walking distance.

