

# EARRACH



SOUTHWARK IRISH PENSIONERS PROJECT FEBRUARY 2019



## 1983 Documentary: The Irish in England

LONDON COMMUNITY VIDEO ARCHIVE



Next month at SIPP we will be screening a documentary programme from the London Community Video Archive (LCVA). The LCVA was set up to preserve and share videos made by community groups in London between 1969 and 1985. When these videos were first produced and screened they made a major difference to many communities, highlighting injustices and untold stories on issues ranging from housing, race, ageing and local activism, as well focusing on specific areas of London.

The documentary, *The Irish in England*, is a 2-part series first shown on Channel 4 in 1983. The programmes tell the story of the generation of Irish men and women who came to England in the 1950's and 60's. Using in-depth interviews, they explore the economic, social and cultural factors affecting their and their children's lives as they settled here.

Programme 1 explores the 'push and pull' forces which saw thousands of Irish people forced to leave Ireland because of a stagnating economy, to seek work in the post war reconstruction in England.

Participants, including Mary Allen, Donal MacAmhlaigh, and Doris Daly, relate their personal stories, building a picture of a community that was valued for its skill and labour, but was not always made to feel welcome. They talk about the importance of music and the church in maintaining links with their culture, and ponder the question of where is 'home'.

We will show the first part of the programme during the regular Thursday Club on March 21st at 1pm, and there will be time for tea and chats before and after the screening.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY FEBRUARY / MARCH

Valentines Tea Dance  
Thursday 14th Feb  
2pm - 4pm  
English Martyrs Hall

St Patricks Day  
Thursday 14th March  
Millwall  
1pm - 4pm



St Patricks Day  
Parade  
17th March

### FOR ADVICE & INFORMATION

## DROP-IN

EVERY TUESDAY 11 AM - 3 PM

If you need to see someone outside of these times phone 020 7237 5841 to make an appointment. If you call us out of hours just leave a message with your name and a contact number for you and we'll get back to you the next working day.



Thank you,  
Keith!

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/keithsipp>

On March 10th, our brilliant volunteer Keith O'Callaghan will be running in the London Big Half Marathon raising funds for SIPP.

As a befriender Keith knows firsthand that our small organisation relies heavily on volunteers like himself to be able to do our work. Help spread the word far and wide! Donations can be made online at the link below

## ONE WAY TO MAKE COLCANNON



Ith do chuid glasraí!

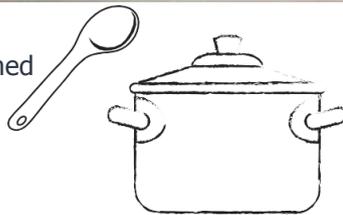
500g floury potatoes, cooked

250g cabbage, shredded and lightly steamed

50g butter

2 spring onion, thinly chopped

salt and black pepper



Boil the potatoes for 15 - 20 minutes until cooked through.

While the potatoes are cooking, melt the butter in a small frying pan and saute the cabbage and spring onions for a few minutes until softened.

Drain the potatoes and mash them. Add the cabbage and spring onions (including the butter they were cooked in) to the potatoes.

Warm the remaining butter until melted. Add to the potato and cabbage mixture. Add plenty of salt and pepper and stir until thoroughly combined. Serve immediately with extra butter and spring onions to garnish.

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Do you have a recipe you'd like to share? We would love to try it. Send yours into us and we might publish your recipe in our next newsletter.

*Did you ever eat Colcannon  
when 'twas made with yellow cream  
and the kale and praties blended  
like a picture in a dream?*

*Did you ever take a spoonful  
and dip it in the lake  
of clover-flavoured butter  
that your Mamma used to make?*

*Oh God be with the happy days  
when troubles we had not  
and our Mammies made Colcannon  
in the little skillet pot*

## Fond Memories of our Departed Friends

JAMES O'NEILL

JOHN DEANE

NEIL BEGLEY

KATHLEEN KEENAN

May they Rest in Peace

