

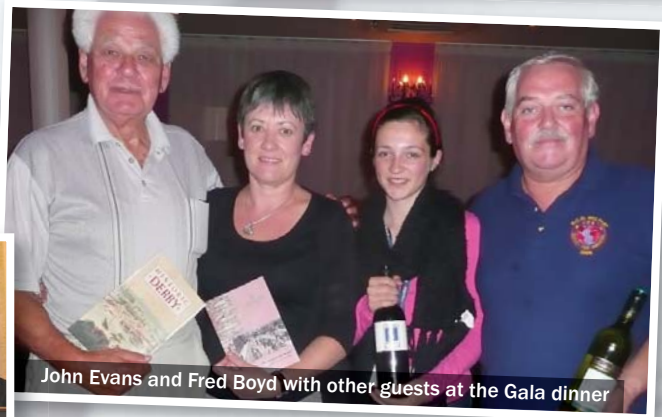
Northern Ireland Friendship Week

The first guests arrived on Friday, with the majority checking in on Saturday, some by coach, some by car, but most through Belfast's two airports. They came from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the USA, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Italy and Germany, as well as England, Scotland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland.

They were all in Belfast to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the IPA and the 47th anniversary of IPA Northern Ireland. The first outing was to Bushmills Distillery and then on to the World Heritage Site of the Giant's Causeway. This was followed up on Monday by visits to Hillsborough Castle, the Northern Ireland residence of the Queen, and the Memorial Garden at police headquarters. The highlight of the day was a tour of Parliament buildings at Stormont, hosted by Anna Lo, MBE, MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly), and a fine dinner and entertainment provided by the PSNI Ladies Choir.



Hitting the tourist hotspots



John Evans and Fred Boyd with other guests at the Gala dinner



PSNI Ladies Choir with Anna Lo

The next day the guests enjoyed descending into the Marble Arch caves in Fermanagh and a boat trip on Lough Erne. On Wednesday they met up with the North West Branch members in Londonderry, touring the historic walls and the Tower Museum. A more relaxed day in Belfast was topped by a Gala Dinner, opened by the Mayor of Castlereagh, Councillor Veronica McCoy and attended by some 190 IPA members and friends.

The final trip was to St Patrick's grave in Downpatrick and on to Newcastle and Carlingford in the Republic to sample stunning views of the Mourne mountains. A BBQ meal closed the Friendship Week and 'Oscars' were handed out to those who had unwittingly stood out from the group.

All in all a highly successful week and testament to the hard work, put in by all the organising team, but especially by Mandy Kernohan.

To view other photographs from this event visit: www.ipa-uk.org/NIreland-Friendship-Week

10 Region - Annual Golf Tournament 2011



The 10 Region annual golfing tournament will take place on Wednesday 16 March, 2011 at the prestigious Lexden Wood Golf Club near Colchester, Essex.

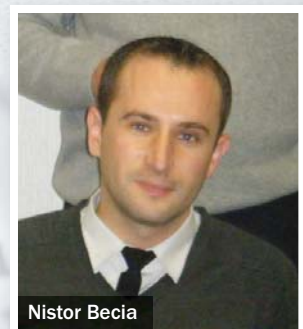
2011 sees 10 Region returning to visit 'old friends' at Lexden Wood Golf Club, <http://www.lexdenwood.com/> close to the historic town of Colchester, for their annual event. Prices are yet to be finalised but are guaranteed to be very competitive.

Interested golfers are requested to reserve their places early to avoid disappointment.

Contact: 10region@ipa-uk.org for more information.

Warm Welcome

Branch Chair Ken Davies welcomed Nistor Becia to South Wales branch. Nistor is on a two year career break from the Romanian Police in Timisoara. He is studying for a Masters in Psychology & working on a voluntary basis at a hospital in Merthyr and hopes to join in branch activities when his studies allow.



Nistor Becia