



The Richmond Claddagh

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Newsletter of the Greater Richmond Irish American Society

July 2008

From The President: At the halfway point of my presidency, I would like to express my appreciation to the entire membership for their support and help in achieving further growth and success for the Irish American Society. During the past year, we have instigated a few changes including the establishment of the “Chris Garrett Memorial Celtic Spirit Award” which is awarded at the Highland Games to the clan or organization that best displays that spirit. In addition, we presented an “MVP Award” to the IAS member who has shown the greatest dedication and hard work during the year. Our first MVP Award was presented to Nancy Emig who has worked tirelessly to produce our first-class newsletters and has made sure that new members are introduced and made to feel welcome. This year on Memorial Day, Larry David and Jim Bandeleian dedicated a wreath at the Virginia War Memorial in memory of the Irish who have perished in wars. Jim Bandeleian also deserves a big round of applause for providing and designing our award-winning IAS tent displays. And as our own Finn McCool, Jim provides a splash of true Irish folklore. The children love him and are thrilled to have their photos taken with a real giant of Irish mythology. Our “hostess with the mostest”, Sonya Moore, will be taking a well-earned rest from the IAS Board, but we owe her a big thank you for coordinating our special events and ensuring that we had every thing needed for those occasions. Frank Hardy is always willing to store and transport our displays and to share his wealth of information with visitors to our IAS tent. Lisa Murphy and Mike Muldowney are each stepping down as Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and we appreciate their maintaining our historical and financial records. The IAS Hospitality Committee, Carmel Miney, Pam Hardy and Maureen Toibin have prepared and served the delicious variety of refreshments for our meetings and for that we are indeed grateful. Dan Begley, our Vice President, who arranges our IAS meeting programs, has done a grand job of presenting a wide variety of subjects with knowledgeable speakers. I also want to thank our Pubmaster, Ed Mayers for planning our monthly Pub Suppers. We love socializing and becoming better acquainted with our fellow members at the various Celtic themed restaurants and pubs.

To all our members who have given of their time and talents throughout the year, please accept my most sincere thanks for making my presidency a rewarding experience and for making the Irish American Society an organization of which we can all be proud.

Gloria Cahen - President.

The IAS Picnic Well, to paraphrase the old song, – there was a “hot time” at the old picnic this year. But even with the high heat numbers the IAS showed some high numbers of its own. Around 70 of our IAS members trekked on out to the annual picnic at Pat & Helen Burke’s farm in Amelia. Even though the day was a scorcher – the IAS folks enjoyed themselves and the day. New Special Events Chairman, Karon Bell did a bang up job on her first event. She had some great yard games planned, but due to the heat – altered her plans and didn’t put them out this year. (So be prepared for some fun contests next year!) Karen had a sign out on Rte 360 directing people to the correct turn and then added a big Irish towel at the end of the driveway for more assistance. Hutch Hutchinson planned some Irish magic for the kids, but because we didn’t have a lot of youngsters at the picnic he changed the presentation so that it was suitable for our IAS “adult kids” – who were all enthralled by the show. Huge, Huge thanks go out to Dan Begley and Pam Hardy for cooking for the crowd in all that heat – they did a great job and continued on even in that hot sun. During the day, one of our newest members, Tim Batten entertained the crowd with a mini bagpipe concert- much to the enjoyment of all. Yes it was really hot, but everyone seemed to have a great time, just visiting and “hangin’ out. Thanks to all of you for coming and for those who couldn’t make it this year... we’ll see you next year! (and let’s use the 11 months in between to pray for a cooler day in ’09!)

The Election At the picnic, President, Gloria Cahen handled the job of this year’s election. She had ballots ready for those attending (and she also gently provided a little coercion to get those ballots completed and turned in ☺. Kathleen Petty and Ray Gallagher verified and counted all the votes and Gloria announced the winners. By the way, Kathleen also worked hard organizing the slate of candidates for this year’s election. Thanks to Gloria, Kathleen and Ray for their efforts.

The newly elected officers are: **Treasurer** – Anne McGehee, and **Secretary** – Steven Gallagher. New Board Members are Joan Finnegan and Ed Mayers. The Board Members re-elected are Frank Hardy & Nancy Emig. Congratulations to our new Officers and Board Members and also to our returning Board members. And also many thanks go out to Larry David for his past service on the Board, and to Larry and Sallie Gordon both - for putting their names in the hat for this election – it’s great to see the number of willing volunteers increasing each year. And of course, huge thanks to our retiring Board members Sonya Moore and Jim Bandeleian.

Memorial Day On a beautiful Memorial Day – IAS members, Jim Bandlean and Larry David participated in the services at the Virginia War Memorial. Under the watchful eyes of “Memory” the dominating statue at the Memorial, and over 1,000 attendees - they joined with 30 other groups in laying wreaths in honor of our country’s fallen. The IAS wreath, in the colors of the Irish flag, carried the legend, “Siochan Leat” which means “Peace Be With You” and was laid in honor of the sacrifice made by so many Irish. Tim Batten, also a member of the IAS played with St. Andrew’s Legion Pipes & Drums for the ceremony. Many thanks go to Jim and Larry for their representation of the Irish American Society at this event. We hope to have some photos in the near future.

June Pub Supper: “Twas another fine Pub Night that Ed Mayers arranged for us. Even with all the family things going on in June, the cost of gas, the cost of gas, and the cost of gas.. – we managed to gather a few of the faithful! Gloria Cahen, Joan Finnegan, Colleen Callahan, Mary Smith, Ann McGehee, Linda and Ed Mayers, Dan & Lucy Simpson, The Mahones and their guest Bernard Farrell and Nancy Emig. The group thoroughly enjoyed the Irish and Celtic tunes from Albafaire who gave the IAS great plugs from the bandstand. And we got a special treat - Our own IAS songsmith, Mary Smith provided some great Irish pub songs during the intermission – Does one ever really tire of “The Wild Rover”? Actually that correct response would be “No! Nae! Never!” Again, a good time was had by all and we hope that we’ll see YOU the next time!

HELP IS NEEDED!!!

Several of our members have indicated a willingness to volunteer their time and talents –and here is a great opportunity for them to fill a very big “need” for the IAS. Our Webmaster, Jim Bandlean has designed and created a wonderful website for the IAS. [Click to visit the site](#) The site is full of many interesting links to great Irish websites, to Irish music, Irish history, and other Irish organizations. The IAS has received numerous requests for membership information and more because of the presence of our site on the web. However because of pressing duties at his company Jim is not able to maintain the website any longer. We need someone to handle the updates to current events listing and maintenance for the addition of information. Jim will be glad to go over everything with volunteers – and yes more than one person can volunteer. Jim created the website and has single-handedly done all the work on the website for several years – so we are asking for some help from our members. Whatever you can volunteer to do, will be most appreciated. Please call Jim with questions or to volunteer at 804-347-0924 or email him at <mailto:jbandelean@gmail.com>

The Mystical Significance of the Standing Stones of Ireland



(County Donegal - On the east side of the lane behind the Kilclooney church lies this magnificent site.)

The exact nature of stone circles and the rituals practiced among them have long occupied the great archaeological minds. They may have been agrarian calendars, or astronomical instruments, monuments to deceased chiefs, meeting places or cattle markets. There are probably as many explanations as there are circles.

Stones were important to the ancient Celts (they were used for building purposes and often as boundary and memorial markers), and it is not surprising that they should become the habitation of mysterious spirits, or that strange powers should be ascribed to them. In Brittany there is a persistent tradition that these stones were used by the druids to summon and focus other world powers, to create storms and diseases in our own world. Many large stones (particularly what are known as 'single stones', 'great stones' situated on their own) were the objects of such druidical worship, and some were certainly associated with the fertility religion that characterized many druidic sects.

The configurations of the stones also puzzled the Celts. They were arranged in a number of ways. There were finger stones' (large single stones that jutted upwards out of the earth like a warning finger); stone circles (some of which may have been a feature of Celtic worship but many would appear to predate the Celts); Rocking Stones (a flat stone resting on the top of another to form a kind of 'see-saw' - this may be a purely natural phenomenon or it may be the result of the labors of prehistoric engineers) and dolmens and cromlechs (known as Fos-Leac in Ireland, this was traditionally held to be the burial-site of a local chieftain or hero and, sometimes, the resting-place of a saint. It consisted of two upright stones surmounted by a capstone). A number of these stones had specialized powers, which formed the beliefs of the communities round about. In Brittany it was widely believed that if a previously infertile woman were to sit astride the capstone of a dolmen, she would conceive within the year, while if two people kissed a certain Kissing Stone in Ireland at the same time -the location of one such stone is given simply as 'Sligo', their love would last forever. (Ah...those Irish - forever romantics - Nancy) (The above text was excerpted from “**An Encyclopedia of Celtic Mythology**” by Bob Curran)

An impersonation of Paul Harvey) --- And Now The Rest -----Of the Story – For July 4th Our Nation’s Birthday

People from Ireland were the largest single group to arrive in the thirteen colonies in the seventy-five years leading up to the American Revolution. Having fled an oppressive system at home, these immigrants needed little persuasion to enlist in the cause of American liberty. Many people of Irish ancestry, therefore, are to be found among the officers and leaders of the Revolution. Sources claim anywhere from 35% -66% of the colonial forces were Irish. Irish born participants in the Revolution and the birth of this nation include:

- The first Secretary of the Continental Congress and the designer of the Great Seal of the United States, Charles Thomsom
- 3 signers of the Declaration of Independence: Matthew Thorton, James Smith and George Taylor; six were of Irish background: Charles Carroll, Thomas Lynch, Thomas McKean, Edward Rutledge and George Read
- 4 signers of the Constitution: Pierce Butler, Thomas Fitzsimmons, James McHenry and William Patterson
- Printer of the Declaration of Independence, John Dunlop
- The father of the American Navy, John Barry
- Five Aides de camp of General Washington
- Sharpshooter Tim Murphy of Morgan’s Rifles
- Sixteen generals were from Ireland, including Generals Moylan, Montgomery, and Knox
- The Pennsylvania Line was also known as the Line of Ireland
- First units to be sent by France were the Irish Brigades under Walsh, Dillon and Roche
- State governors, Thomas Burke of North Carolina and John McKinly of South Carolina; first governor of Pennsylvania – George Bryan
- Fedanus Burke, one of the most notable figures in revolutionary South Carolina.
- Washington’s intelligence men: Hercules Mulligan and John Honeyman
- Architect of the White House, James Hoban
- Although the Irish were an integral part in the fight against the British during the American Revolutionary War, they are rarely recognized for their contributions. But in 1779 -on the contributions of the Irish to the War for Independence - America’s friend, the Marquis de Lafayette said, “May the Kingdom of Ireland merit a stripe in the American Standard”

LOOKING BACK - 1881 Harper’s Weekly



“A TERRIBLE RECORD” –
 (Source: *Supplement, Weekly Freeman,*
 2 July 1881)
 (Caption)

ERIN- “In forty years I have lost, through the operation of no natural law, more than Three Million of my Sons and Daughters, and they, the Young and the Strong, leaving behind the Old and Infirm to weep and die. Where is this to end?”

Irish Sites Among World’s Most Historic: A recent book that lists the 1001 most important historic sites worldwide has included 16 sites in Ireland. Among the 16 are: The Guinness Brewery, Blarney Castle, Hill of Tara, Clonmacnoise, Derry town walls, Dublin Castle, The GPO, Kilmainham Gaol, Newgrange and The Rock of Cashel.

An Irish Lady’s Golf Story – “Did you hit him with that golf club?”, asked the Policemen. “Yes Officer, I did”, and the lady dropped the club, put her hands to her face and began to sob. “ How many times did you hit him”, was the inquiry. “I don’t know – 5, 6, maybe 7 times. But just put it down for a 5”.

I FOUND THIS ON THE WEB! – EXERCISE AND LEARN IRISH DANCE STEPS – (not an endorsement but it looks like fun)

Eirerobics is an easy to follow Irish Dance Exercise Program - a Dance Exercise Video / DVD featuring wonderful Traditional Irish Music. Beat Stress -Lift your spirits - get fit the Irish Way. Exercise DVD features a simple Irish jig and reel steps, combined with classic aerobic exercise moves. Eirerobics is an easy, fun workout for all ages and fitness levels. Inspired by both Irish step dancing and traditional ceili (Irish group dancing) dance steps, Eirerobics provides a great cardio workout, while making you feel like an Irish dancer. \$19.99 Irish Records International. P.O. Box 44 Kington, MA 02364 1-800-338-1757
<http://www.irishrecords.com/index.html>

Garryowen Last month – as is our custom – I exchanged newsletters with Doug Elder – the editor of the St. Andrew’s Legion newsletter. He had an interesting article on the tune “Garryowen” and it kind of peaked my interest in knowing more about it.. so here goes,

Garryowen is one of those old Irish drinking songs that—sober or not—you just can't get out of your head – it is in fact music that you have heard in a score of old Hollywood movies. Think John Wayne, Errol Flynn... US Cavalry – horses trotting off into the desert... that’s the tune! This fact no doubt has most contributed to its longevity and ultimately, like so many ancestral songs, to its transplantation in America. (if you are reading the newsletter on line - click here and [listen to Garryowen](#)) The tune itself, is in the form of a traditional Irish "quick-step.

The title “Garryowen” is from the Gaelic meaning "Owen's Garden," a suburb of Limerick, which overlooks the Valley of the Shannon River and King John's Castle, which was built in the late 12th century. Owen's Garden was a place where young and old congregated, and over time it became famous also for the rough-and-tumble that is tantamount to youth mixed with alcohol. It is in this sense, certainly, that James Joyce saw fit to name the ill-tempered dog of the "Cyclops" chapter of *Ulysses* - Garryowen.

The tune's cadence is infectious and most resembles the rhythm of marching horses, which may be the reason it was adopted by General George Armstrong Custer as the regimental song of his ill-fated 7th Cavalry. Legend has it that Custer heard *Garryowen* sung by Irish troopers around the campfire one night and was so taken by the tune that he ordered it performed by his hand picked regimental band. In time the 7th Cavalry became known as the *Garry Owen* regiment, and the song, indeed, was the last thing Custer's men heard as they left the safety-in-numbers of General Alfred H. Terry's command for their fateful meeting with Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, and over 5,000 Sioux at the Little Big Horn.

Thus *Garryowen* began to acquire the patina of American military history. The Garry Owen regiment continued to see action in the American Indian Wars and eventually became a founding element of the 1st Cavalry Division. To the old Irish tune, American soldiers marched in Mexico, the Philippines, North Africa, New Guinea, Manila, and were among the first American forces to reach Japan at the close of the Second World War.

(Like Many – I didn’t know what this song was.. and reading the lyrics didn’t help me at all, but hearing the tune - well it took me back to every John Wayne western I’ve ever seen and loved.

Lyrics

Let Bacchus' sons be not dismayed
But join with me, each jovial blade
Come, drink and sing and lend your aid
To help me with the chorus:

Chorus:

Instead of spa, we'll drink brown ale
And pay the reckoning on the nail;
No man for debt shall go to jail
From Garryowen in glory.

We are the boys who take delight
In smashing Limerick lamps at night,
And through the street like sportsters fight,
Tearing all before us.

Chorus

We'll break the windows, we'll break down doors,
The watch knock down by threes and fours,
And let the doctors work their cures,
And tinker up our bruised

Chorus

We'll beat the bailiffs out of fun,
We'll make the mayor and sheriffs run
We are the boys no man dares dun
If he regards a whole skin. .

Chorus

Our hearts so stout have got us fame
For soon 'tis known from whence we came
Where'er we go they fear the name
Of Garryowen in glory.

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Who Are We Irish?

We are the sons and daughters of Hibernia
Proud heirs of an ancient legacy
We’ve settled every corner of the globe
Driven from our homeland by famine and oppression,
Or simply by the restless spirit that is our
birthright.

Wherever we go, we bring with us a love of freedom,
A melancholy humor, a biting wit - a golden tongue.
Bur regardless of where destiny may take us,
We’re linked to the land of our ancestors
By an ethereal thread that binds the heart
And reminds us always that we are a unique people

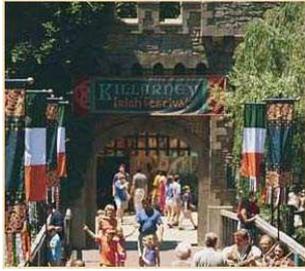
WE ARE THE IRISH!

(Shamelessly borrowed from the website
<http://www.irishcorner.com>)

Notice On their website – O’Toole’s Restaurant & Pub has a link to join their email club to receive discount coupons and notices of upcoming events. If you can – click on this link and get news of special discounts and free offers.

<http://www.otoolesrestaurant.com/contactus.html>

Ed Mayers has checked into an IAS trip to Ireland and has the following information for us on a fun group activity for the IAS...



Richmond Irish American Society Day BUSCH GARDENS WILLIAMSBURG Summer 2008

You CAN visit Ireland this summer.. at the world famous "Ireland" area at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg – AND you can enjoy it with your friends in the Irish American Society!

"Busch Gardens Williamsburg once again joins forces with Dublin-based O'Shea's School of Irish Dance, the creative talent behind Irish Thunder, for an all-new, powerful production that continues the celebration of Irish heritage through uniquely choreographed dance and original music score. This theatrical evolution reaches new heights with the introduction of breathtaking scenic special effects and exquisitely-designed lighting enhancements."

We would need to pay in advance and also cannot get the money back if it rains. In other words even if raining we are still committed. Normal Admission is \$56.95 Group (15 - 149) price / \$49.00 - Children ages 3-9 / \$42.00

If the IAS wanted to do a Picnic together at the park there is an additional fee..... All picnic packages are listed without tax and include:

- Complimentary Black Forest Torte Cake , • Soft drinks. • One hour of service time in the Black Forest Picnic Area
- Additional picnic grove time is available for an additional charge*

- **Griffon Picnic Package**

Includes Fried Chicken, Baked Beans & Potato Salad

\$10.99 for Adults / \$9.99 for Children

- **DarKastle Picnic Package**

Includes choice of 1 entrée and 2 sides

\$11.69 for Adults / \$10.69 for Children

Entrée choices for the packages above include:

- Fried Chicken
- Hot Dogs
- Grilled Hamburgers
- Sliced Pork BBQ
- **Side dish choices for the packages above include:**
- Baked Beans
- Corn-on-the-Cob
- Potato Salad

- **Loch Ness Picnic Package**

Includes choice of 2 entrées and 2 sides
\$13.89 for Adults / \$12.89 for Children

- **Alpengeist Picnic Package**

Includes choice 3 entrées and 2 sides

\$15.29 for Adults / \$14.29 for Children

- Mixed Green Salad
- Pasta Salad
- Watermelon
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Coleslaw
- Potato Chips
- Shamu Ice Cream Bars

Three Rivers Barbecue Picnic Package

Includes 1 entrée combination and 2 sides

\$15.29 for Adults / \$14.29 for Children.

Entrée combinations for the Three Rivers Package

are: BBQ Pork Spare Ribs & Fried Chicken

BBQ Pork Spare Ribs & Sliced Pork BBQ

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AN OUTING TO BUSCH GARDENS, PLEASE CALL ED AT 804-3479-5577 or EMAIL HIM AT EHM1537@MSN.COM - HE WILL NEED YOUR 'COUNT' ESTIMATE AS WELL...



The IAS Gang!



Mike Kane and Tim Murphy



Kathy Donovan & Ed Kast



Sharon Hickman and Steven Gallagher

**HERE'S A COUPLE OF LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS TO THE UPCOMING EVENTS.
BE SURE TO MARK THOSE CALENDARS!**

The IAS has been invited for a bit of a “Social Hour” with St. Andrew’s Society, on **Tuesday, July 22nd** at Bailey’s Pub, 11581 Robious Road, Richmond. (In front of the Great Big Green House and near Outback Steak house. (Ph 804-560-4600) The get together starts at 7:00 till 9:00. The first 20 to arrive get free appetizers. This is our second time with St. Andrew’s at Bailey’s and it was great fun the last time. C’mon out for a very informal chance to mingle and meet your fellow Celts.

August General Meeting : August 14th 7:00 at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church – 6000 Grove Avenue at the intersection of Grove and Three Chopt – right next door to St. Bridget’s Catholic Church. IAS member, Carol Rasnic will introduce and provide some background to our evening of video entertainment.

“Father Ted“ was a popular 1990s BBC television situation comedy set around the lives of three Irish Catholic priests on the remote (and fictional) Craggy Island off the west coast of Ireland. *Father Ted* was written by two Irish writers, Arthur Mathews and Graham Lineman, who also co-created *Big Train*. All of the interior scenes were shot at The London Studios, while all of the location footage was shot in Ireland. The show follows the exploits of three Roman Catholic priests who preside over a parish on Craggy Island, located off the west coast of Ireland. Father Ted Crilly, Father Dougal McGuire and the retired Father Jack Hackett live together in Craggy Island's parochial house, along with their housekeeper Mrs. Doyle, who "keeps Craggy Island Parochial House floating on a sea of tea" according to official synopses.

**That’s it for this month’s edition of the Claddagh – and remember,
“Keep Your Irishness About You!”**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Click on links in calendar and you can hear song selections from the artists and ALWAYS click the link directly below to get the latest updates on upcoming events
<http://richmondias.org/index.php?content=upcoming>

July 10, 17, 24, & 31 7:00 to 10:00 pm	Turf Fire – IAS Members Mary Smith & John Robison present traditional Irish music at Dublin's Irish Pub 7526 Mechanicsville Tpk. Mechanicsville 23111 Phone 804-723-5582. The music of Turf Fire is rousing, fun and traditional. They take our inspiration from groups like The Clancy Brothers, The Corries, The Dubliners, and the Kingston Trio. Our repertoire is wide and varied - lively Irish sing-alongs, Sea Shanties, Scottish ballads, old style Appalachian music, and everything in between. John Robison is an accomplished banjo player and teacher, and is a founding member of the group Southern Horizon . Mary Smith is an accomplished solo musician specializing in traditional ballads.
July 9 th & 23 rd	Rosie Connolly's Pub & Restaurant – Irish Session (Jam) 1548A East Main Street, Richmond (Faces the 17th Street Farmers Market Next to Havana 59 restaurant) 343-1063 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. or 11 p.m. or so ...IRISH! W' a wee bit o' ol' time – IAS member Jim Mahone
July 10-13 th	53 rd Grandfather Mountain Highland Games at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC Link to Games website & schedule
July 11 th & 12 th	The Blarney Stone , Fredericksburg, VA - Brook Yoder
July 17 th Countdown to St. Pat's Day	Word from IAS Advertiser – (see the website) Glen Crone – To keep the Spirit of St. Patrick's Day alive - O'Toole's Irish Restaurant & Pub holds an Irish Sing a long on the 17 th of every month from 7:00pm til 8:30pm – it's located at 4800 Forest Hill Ave. Richmond, VA 23225
July 18 th	The Blarney Stone , Fredericksburg, VA Moch Pryderi Fredericksburg, Virginia-based Celtic band playing Welsh and Breton music on Harp, pibgorn – a Welsh reed instrument, Welsh pipes, Uilleann pipes, and bombarde performing
July 18 th & 19 th	Coyote Run in Concert! Irish & Celtic music at the Kimball Theatre, Williamsburg, VA Call (800) HISTORY for tickets and information!
July 19 th	Press Gang with our IAS member, Jeff Bateman will be singing the Paddock song at the Virginia Derby at Colonial Downs (nationwide TV!) Great going guys!!!
July 22 nd	IAS Social Hour with The St. Andrew's Society – At Bailey's Pub 11581 Robious Road, Richmond. (Ph 804-560-4600) From 7 -9pm. The first 20 to arrive get free appetizers.
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July 25 th	The Blarney Stone , Fredericksburg, VA. Jim & Holly Lawrence w/ Mark Davis Traditional Irish Music from their recordings "Of Gaels & Saints"
July 26 th	IAS Pub Supper – Rare Olde Times Rare Olde Times 10602 Patterson Avenue 750-1346 6:30 pm call or email Ed at 804-379-5577 or EHM1537@msn.com and let him know how many are coming.. so all can get seated in the same area. Hope to see you there!
July 27 th	The Young Dubliners – Capital Ale House Richmond VA.
August 2 nd Alexandria VA Waterfront Park 1A Prince Street Noon to 7pm	Irish Festival – sponsored by the Ballyshaners – to promote Irish Awareness. Irish Arts & Crafts - Irish American Food Cold Refreshments Top Class Entertainment All Day Maple School of Dance, Boyle School of Dance, Pat Garvey, Rocky Guttman, City of Alexandria Pipes & Drums, Washington Scottish Pipes and Drums, O'Neill-James School of Dance, Culkin School of Dance, The Flying Cows of Ventry (they are a musical group from the DC area – specializing in Traditional Irish music. Master of Ceremonies: Pat Troy – (no coolers)
August 8 th	Press Gang concert at Chester Bistro, 2612 Perdue Springs Drive Chester, VA 23831 7:30-9:30 (5\$ cover charge) 804-425-6956
August 9 th	<i>Poisoned Dwarf</i> in Mathews, VA at the Southwind Cafe @7 or 8 pm - 611 Church St Mathews, VA 23109 (804) 725-2766 for information
August 14 th	IAS General Meeting – St. Stephen's Episcopal Church 6000 Grove Avenue (intersection of Grove and Three Chopt. Presentation of videos of "Father Ted" Irish Comedy television show by BBC start time is 7:00 – Introduction and more by IAS member Carol Rasnic. It's one big fun time. So be sure and mark your calendars and join us.