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## Dates for your Diary

**25 and 26 August:** Féile na bhFlaitheartach, Inis Mór. Programme details available from the society's Facebook page and Twitter. For further information, please contact: Seosamh Ó Cuaig E-mail: [ocuaig@hotmail.com](mailto:ocuaig@hotmail.com) Phone: 095-33428, Facebook: Liam and Tom O'Flaherty Society Twitter: [@liamoflahsoc](https://twitter.com/liamoflahsoc)

**Friday/Saturday 7/8 September** Spanish Civil War commemoration Commemorative walk to the memorial to five local International Brigade volunteers, followed by music and picnic. Omeath Co Louth. Organised by Friends of the International Brigades, Ireland

**Saturday 8 September:** 25th Flax Mill Open Day and Yard Fest Derrylane Flax Mill from 10am to 6pm

Open Day and Yard Fest are private events - the owner reserves the right to refuse admission at all times. There is no entrance fee for the Open Day, for the evening concert, dinner etc....you need an invitation, ask for details. Give us a ring: (0)28 77742655 or send us a mail: [flax-mill@gmx.net](mailto:flax-mill@gmx.net)

**Saturday 8 September :** Inez McCormack Civil Rights Women's Conference PRONI, Titanic Quarter, Belfast Celebrating the life of Inez McCormack and women who led civil rights and who campaign for human rights and equality today. Speakers include: Baroness May Blood, Susan McKay, Patricia McKeown, Lily Kerr, Brid Rodgers, Lynda Walker, and Kellie Turtle For booking detail go to [nicivilrights.org](http://nicivilrights.org)

**Tuesday 25 September 7pm** Madge Davison Lecture 'Inequality and Unfairness in 2018: What Would Madge Have Said?' Speaker: Professor Brice Dickson The Moot Court Room (Level 2, room 006), School of Law, Main Site Tower, Queen's University Belfast. Chair: Ann Hope

Jimmy Stewart speaking at Bodenstown. Sitting on the wall is Johnny Nolan, George Gilmore, and Peadar O'Donnell, not sure of the last person. Holding the banner John Curley. Date, maybe the early 1980s. Bodenstown was an annual event for us all in the Communist Party of Ireland so it is great to see it being revived by comrades and friends. In the North we used to hire a bus and we nearly always got lost on the way there. But not withstanding that the event was well worth it. It is with pride that we can say we were with these wonderful comrades in Bodenstown. *Lynda Walker 2018*

## Bodenstown Churchyard

Thomas Davis

In Bodenstown churchyard there lies a green grave

And wildly around it the winter winds rave

Small shelter is weaned from the cruel walls there

When the storm clouds blow down on the plains of Kildare.

Once I stood on that sod that lies over Wolfe Tone

And I thought how he perished in prison alone

His friends unavenged and his country unfreed

Oh pity, I thought, Is the patriot's need.

I was awakened from my dreaming by voices and tread

Of a band who came in to the home of the dead

There were students and peasants, the wise and the brave

And an old man who knew him from cradle to grave.

This old man who saw I was weeping there said

We've come for to weep where young Wolfe Tone lies laid

We're going to build him a monument, too

A small one yet simple for the patriot true.

My heart overflowed and I clasped his old hand

And I blessed him and blessed everyone in the band

"Sweet sweet 'tis to find that such things can remain

To a man that's been long been vanquished and slain."

In Bodenstown churchyard there lies a green grave

And wildly around it let the winter winds rave

Far better it suits him the wind and the gloom

Until Ireland a nation might build him a tomb.