LOUTH BRANCH

The Leitrim Peoples Association Louth Branch was formed in 1998.

Aims of the Association
To organise informal get togethers and foster mutual interests of people with Leitrim connections living in the Louth area

To organise group tours and other social outings of interest to the members and their families.

To facilitate easier integration of and support for Leitrim people coming to live in the Louth area.

Chairperson: Evelyn Martin
Secretary: Marian Ward
Treasurer: Hilary Curran.
P.R.O. Joe Harkin
Chaplain:
Rev Fr Cathal Cumiskey

Committee:
Noel Moran, Geraldine McKinley, Gerry Mc Loughlin, George Flynn, Ray Ferguson, Hubert Reynolds.

One of the first events to be organised by the branch was to host the Leitrim GAA team, when they played Louth in the National League at Drogheda. Last year Charlie and Goretti Mc Gettigan

Seated (L to R): Anne McNulty, Drogheda, Maureen Neary, Kilcroney, Sheila Reynolds and Gertie Ferguson, both Drogheda and Betty Flanagan, Haggardstown. Back Row: Tony McNulty, Drogheda, Paul Meehan, Dundalk, Seamus Brady, Kilkerley, Hugert Reynolds, Drogheda, Peter Ward, Dromin and John Flanagan, Haggardstown.

Front Row (L to R): Mary McLoughlin, Castlebellingham, Veronica Dorr, Avondale, Dundalk and Marian Gilgunn, Dundalk. Back Row: Gerry Gilgunn, Dundalk, Dave Dorr, Dundalk and Gerry McLoughlin, Castlebellingham.

Front Row (L to R): Rev. Cathal Cumiskey CSSR, St. Joseph's, Dundalk and Evelyn Martin, Blackrock, Chairperson. Back Row: Vincent Brady, Supt. Michael Staunton, Dr. Hugh Dolan and Joe Harkin – all Dundalk.

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Present Committee Members of LPA Louth Branch. Seated (L to R): Hilary Curran, Treasurer, Evelyn Martin, Chairperson, Marian Ward, Secretary. Back Row: George Flynn, Noel Moran, Gerry McLoughlin, Ray Ferguson and Hubert Reynolds.

Guests of Honour: Charlie McGettigan with Noel Moran, Committee Member, Breege Stewart, Goretti McGettigan and Michael Stewart.

Frank Daly, Dunleer; Geraldine McKinley, Castlebellingham and Joe Molloy, Dundalk.

were guests of honour at our dinner dance in Dundalk, this was a huge success.

We were very honoured to visit the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Mary Frehill at the Mansion House in May 2000. Mary is a past pupil of Mean Scoil Fatima, Ballinamore and a former classmate of our treasurer Hilary Curran.Later that same evening we visited Dail Eireann where we had dinner and a guided tour meeting many of the Deputies including Gerry Reynolds from Ballinamore. Regrettably John Ellis was away in England on Dail business.

Presently we are busy preparing for our annual dance and are in the process of planning a trip away in early spring 2001.

Since the formation of the association there is a much greater awareness of the number of Leitrim people living in the area. I must say it is great pleasure to be involved in the associaton, we all are very proud of our Leitrim roots and heritage and never fail to promote the county.

Evelyn Martin
Chairperson