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Dear Members and Friends

Things are moving on at a pace now! The International Celtic Congress held in Perth which was attended by Wendy and Ian only as we were unable to go, was a good week. Wendy reported that the lectures were very interesting, the hotel was very nice and the food was good. Our Speakers/Entertainers, Neil Davey and Jen Dyer, gave an interesting report about music in Cornwall and people remarked to Wendy about their presentation. We have thanked them for making the journey to represent our branch.



Jen Dyer and Neil Davey

On the trip out to the Falkirk Wheel they went in a canal boat, along part of the canal and then back down the wheel. They then went to visit the Kelpies where members unveiled a plaque to explain about the animals (see picture below). They were given a talk about the construction and allowed inside one of them. There are made of steel and have LED lights which light up various colours at night. If you want to know more, please ask Wendy. They have already covered the cost of the construction as they have attracted so many visitors! They also went to Scone Palace (below) where they are able to look around the house and gardens.



Kelpies



Scone Palace

The Conference next year will be held in Kemper (Quimper) and will be held at the same time as the Festival de Cornouaille, from 16 to 21 July, a festival which has run since 1923, and the festival starts on the Tuesday and ends on the Sunday. The theme has not been formally finalised but will be about the use of social media in the Celtic languages. The venue will be in a girls school, close to the centre of the town. More details later.

CELTIC MARKET – This will be held at **Leedstown Village Hall** on **SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER** from 1.30pm – 4pm. There will be stalls, refreshments and a raffle – all to raise the necessary funds to support our Congress in 2019. Volunteers are needed to set out the tables, serve the refreshments and look after the Celtic Congress stall. If you know anyone runs a stall and who is able to come along that afternoon, please let me know. The cost of a stall this year will be £7.50. We need items for the raffle and for our Congress stall, anything to encourage people to come and meet us. We will be serving refreshments so donations for this will be appreciated. There will also be a glass painting workshop.

We have made special arrangements to have a display at Lowender Peran this November for the whole of the event to let visitors know of the International Congress in Brittany next year and ours the following year. Any help monitoring the display would be appreciated, just to make sure that there are sufficient leaflets on view. We are not able to be there on the Saturday as we have to be elsewhere, but we anticipate being there on other days including the Sunday which is stalls day. If anyone is going to Newquay could let me know and I will make sure they have leaflets for the display.

At the last meeting we agreed to book the Hotel Bristol in Newquay, the same one as Lowender Peran is using, for our Congress in 2019. We are now working on a theme and ideas for a draft programme. We will also be looking for sponsorship and funding to help pay for the coach trips and entertainers.

That is all for now. I hope to see members at the next meeting in October.

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