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Welcome to the latest edition of the IACI e-news.

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FILM TRIVIA

What is the name of BAFTA winning comedian Brendan O'Carroll's debut film?	Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie
The film about Michael Collins' life is called 'The Big Fellow'. Who played the lead role in that film?	Liam Neeson
What film famously made the village of Cong, in County Mayo, into a mecca for fans of this movie?	The Quiet Man
Who played the lead roles in 'The Quiet Man'?	John Wayne & Maureen O'Hara
The opening 20 minutes of 'Saving Private Ryan' is set on Omaha beach, but where was it actually filmed?	Curracloe Strand in County Wexford
Cate Blanchett stars as a doomed Irish journalist in what film of the same name?	Veronica Guerin
In the 2007 film 'Garage' what Irish comedian plays the main character Josie?	Pat Shortt
Limerick author Frank McCourt wrote a book about his childhood, which was later made into a film. What was the name of the film?	Angela's Ashes
In 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince', what Irish cliffs feature in a dramatic scene when Harry and Professor Dumbeldore are battling with evil?	The Cliffs of Moher, County Clare
In the 1969 classic 'The Italian Job', where were all the jail scenes actually filmed?	Kilmainham Jail, in Dublin
What famous actor starred in 'The Italian Job'?	A very young Michael Caine
In the award-winning film 'Braveheart', where was the Battle of Stirling Bridge filmed?	On the Curragh Plains, County Kildare
In the 1965 British Cold War film 'The Spy Who Came in from the Cold' where were the Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie scenes filmed?	At Smithfield, Dublin
What famous actor played the lead role in 'The Spy Who Came in from the Cold'?	Richard Burton
Colm Meaney starred in a 1996 funny film as an unemployable middle aged man just before the Celtic Tiger period. What was the name of the film?	'The Van'
What film was set in the fictional Irish village of Tulaigh Mhór (Tullymore), about a man who had won the National Lottery?	Waking Ned
Where was 'Waking Ned' filmed?	Isle of Man
What film, based on the stage play of the same name by Joseph O'Connor, is set in Dublin and stars Malcolm McDowell and Max Beesley?	Red Roses and Petrol

What 2007 American drama film is based on a novel of the same name by Irish writer Cecelia Ahern?	P.S. I Love You
Daniel Day-Lewis won his first Academy Award for Best Actor in which 1989 film?	My Left Foot
Whose life story was portrayed in 'My Left Foot'?	Christy Brown
Who was the director of 'My Left Foot'?	Jim Sheridan
Which Irish actress won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress in My Left Foot?	Brenda Fricker
What other film did Jim Sheridan direct in 1990, starring Richard Harris in a memorable role?	The Field
What powerful drama did Jim Sheridan direct about an Irish family who immigrate to New York?	In America
'A Shine of Rainbows' (2009) was filmed on location in what Irish coastal county?	The Inishowen Peninsula, Donegal
Who played the lead roles in the film 'Life's A Breeze' - about a family searching for a lost fortune around the streets of Dublin?	Pat Shortt and Fionnuala Flanagan
What is the name of Ireland's premiere feature film festival?	The Dublin International Film Festival
Which Irish actor starred in the 2007 film 'The Black Irish'?	Brendan Gleeson
Who wrote and directed the 2010 film 'White Irish Drinkers'?	John Gray

Irish History – March

2nd 1933 - Vote to remove the Oath of Allegiance is carried.

1934 - Wearing of Uniform (Restriction) Bill carried.

3rd 1942 - Gas rationing introduced.

5th 1867 - Fenian rising in Dublin, Tipperary, Limerick, Clare and Cork.

1936 - W. T. Cosgrave again nominated President of Fine Gael.

6th 1988 - The SAS controversially kill three IRA members in Gibraltar.

7th 1887 - The Times publishes the first in a series of article accusing Parnell of being involved in crime.

1957 - Fianna Fáil return to power in the Republic.

1965 - Mass is said in the vernacular for the first time.

8th 1966 - Nelson's Pillar in Dublin is blown up.

10th 1932 - The new Fianna Fáil government releases 23 political prisoners.

1934 - Women banned from National Athletic and Cycling Association events.

1944 - The United States alleges that Ireland's neutrality is acting in favour of the Axis Powers.

11th 1926- De Valera resigns as President of Sinn Féin after one of his proposals is defeated.

13th 1846 - 300 tenants evicted from Ballinglass.

1944 - The British government bans travel between Great Britain and Ireland.

14th 1984 - Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams is shot and wounded.

1991 - The Birmingham Six are freed after 16 years wrongful imprisonment.

15th 1953 - 10,000 civil servants march in Dublin, demanding a just wage.

16th 1939 - De Valera is greeted by Benito Mussolini in Rome.

1953 - President Roosevelt asks the American Congress to support a United Ireland.

1964 - Seán Lemass launches 'Ireland Week' in London.

1988 - Michael Stone kills three people at an IRA funeral.

1991 - Dublin becomes the European City of Culture.

17th 1931 - First St Patrick's Day parade in the Irish Free State.

1933 - Éamon de Valera gives the first State reception since the foundation of the Free State.

18th 1934 - General Eoin O'Duffy addresses 2,500 Blueshirts in the Trim Market Square.

1964 - The Agricultural Ministers of the North and the Republic, Harry West and Charles Haughey, meet.

19th 1969 - Ireland receives its first loan from the World Bank.

20th 1920 - Mayor of Cork Thomas MacCurtain killed by the RIC.

1935 - The army intervenes in a bus strike by providing lorries for transport.

1941 - Bread rationing is introduced.

1979 - Huge anti-PAYE demonstration in Dublin.

21st 2001 - Ireland confirms its first case of foot and mouth disease in many years.

22nd 1949 - The Irish government leases a residence in the Phoenix Park to the United States for 99 years.

1969 - Civil rights demonstrations all over Northern Ireland.

1987 - Irish National Lottery is launched.

24th 1968 - An Aer Lingus plane, St Phelim, crashes near the Tuskar Rock killing 57 people.

26th 1935 - 72 Republicans arrested in the Free State.

29th 1887 - Irish Crimes Act introduced in response to the National Land League's boycott of landlords.

1940 - Fire destroys the upper part of St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

30th 1849 - Doolough Tragedy: famine victims are forced to walk through the night to appeal for famine relief, resulting in many deaths.

1939 - The Treason Bill passes its final reading at Dáil Éireann.

1979 - The Irish government ends the parity of the Irish pound with sterling.

31st 1976 - Sallins Train Robbery.

1978 - 6000 people protest the building of civic offices on a Viking site.

1999 - Irish Land Commission dissolved after 108 years existence.