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MONTHLY EVENTS

IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA “get-together” (first Sunday of the month) Sunday, **June 3, 2018**, at 1 p.m. lunch at Hill Street Café, 3301 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank. Easy to find, between Hollywood Way and Buena Vista on Glenoaks (right next to St. Leon’s Cathedral). Hill Street Café telephone number is 818-845-0046. A separate dining room for 40-50 people. Parking right beside the building. Order what you want – a cup of coffee to full breakfast or lunch – and pay separately.

FRIENDS OF IRELAND Breakfast meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) Tuesday, **June 5, 2018**, at **9:00 a.m.** at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. RSVP (Pete Walsh, 714-200-7365) pbeireanua@att.net

ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL June 10, 2018, (2nd Sunday of the month) from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach, CA 90808. Good food, good music, good conversation, singing and dancing. Music by Dennis Murray. Thanks to the Pastor, Fr. Michael Gleeson and the organizer, Sister Alicia from Castleblaney, who says “Please come and bring a friend and a dish.”

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BINGO every Tuesday at 6.30 pm in St. Eleanor Hall, St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 143 N. 5th Street, Burbank. CA 91501. Info: 818 846 3443.

MONTHLY ADULT CEILI CLASS from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. the last Friday of every month at the Mag Studio, 173 W. Magnolia Blvd., Unit 103, Burbank, CA 91502. No partners or experience necessary. All are welcome. \$15 drop in class fee. www.clearyirishdance.com

CELTIC ARTS CENTER, Mondays Celtic Irish Dance and workshop at the Mayflower Club, 11110 Victory Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91606.

ACCORDIONAIRES – Enjoy Accordion Music at Victorio's Ristorante, 10901 Victory Blvd., No. Hollywood, CA 91606 (Vineland/Victory) on the third Tuesday of the month (June 19, 2018) at 7 p.m.

IRISH VETERANS

For information on the Irish Veterans organization visit www.Irishveterans.org (James Sikora & Declan Hughes from Kinsale)

KEN O'MALLEY

Twilight Lords 2nd Friday each month at Ireland's 32 in Van Nuys, solo show **Auld Dubliner** in Long Beach each Thursday at 5 p.m. and **Finn McCool's** in Santa Monica with John Breen 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Brendan's in Camarillo with Jäger Malone (George Cavanaugh, Rich Cashman and friends) at 6 p.m. June 1.

Boulevard Music with the Ne'er Duwels – June 2.

Tam O'Shanter in LA (Los Feliz) May 26, June 9,

July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6 and

November 3. **Check events calendar:**

<https://kenomalley.com/shows>

♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♪♪

To our friends who are
Celebrating Birthdays!!

Go to www.irish.org for names of friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries (e-mail information if you find the list needs to be updated)

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Three/Four days a week 2 to 6 p.m
Care giving, meal prep, housecleaning, etc.
Call: 661 607-7483

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FUNERAL MASS MAY 29, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. -

St. Cornelius Church in Long Beach.

Rose Mary O'Connell, aka Roisin Naughton, born January 21, 1927. For details see following letter.

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Letters to the Editor

From: [Mary B Cahill](#)

To: [Mary Branigan](#)

Sent: Sunday, May 27, 2018 8:35 AM

Subject: Timely - Please read today - Rose Mary O'Connell, aka Roisin Naughton, born January 21, 1927

To let you know ...

There is an obit in today's Press-Telegram for a family friend Roisin Naughton, sister of Maureen Wynne. Maureen was married to my uncle Noel Devine's best friend, Brendan Wynne.

Brendan and Noel were born in Longford, Ireland.

The obit never said that Roisin was the niece of Monsignor Lynch who was a Pastor at St. Matthew's Church in Long Beach in the 60's, 70's and 80's. He officiated at my wedding.

Roisin and her husband, Bob, who were married for 51 years, were devout Catholics, daily Mass goers.

The Funeral Mass for Roisin is on Tuesday, May 29th, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Cornelius Church in Long Beach.

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From: [A.K. Amherst](mailto:A.K.Amherst)
To: tomirishhour@msn.com
Subject: Reading Inquiry for Thriller about the Troubles in Northern Ireland

Dear Irish Center of Southern California,

I'm an Austrian writer whose debut novel 'Belfast Central' was launched on the 10th of April 2018 (in German and English) at the London Book Fair this year. The book is a thriller with contemporary history elements - addressing The Troubles in Northern Ireland. I'm also planning a book tour in the US this year and I'm contacting you because I would like to offer you a free reading.

What is *Belfast Central* about? The story focuses on the young paramedic Ryan who turned down a career in his family's company in the ammunition industry. When he gets shot on duty at the Belfast Central Station he goes through a major crisis. A welcome distraction is the search for the man who saved his life. But the more he finds out about this stranger's past the more dangerous it gets for Ryan. In order to stop the people responsible for the shooting at Belfast Central Ryan has to let go of some of his deepest values.

Setting and historical background The story takes place in Belfast in 1993. Some chapters dive into the past (into the years 1932 to 1938), giving the topic a wider scoop than comparable books. My novel is fictional but events of contemporary history are setting the stage for this story (e.g. Belfast Outdoor Relief Strike in 1932).

Why this topic? I became interested in the topic after reading the 'Kevin and Sadie' series written by Joan Lingard – a story about a Catholic boy named Kevin and a Protestant girl named Sadie who 'illegally' fall in love. While reading, one question rose in my mind: Ireland gained independence back in 1921, but the Northern Ireland Conflict broke out in 1969; why not earlier? What happened in the (almost) 50 years between these two events? I did extensive research and integrated the complexity of the answer into my story.

Topicality As you know the 20th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement was on the 10th of April 2018 (the day of the book launch). **Reading extract and more** In case you are interested, take a peek into my reading extract:

<http://books.akamherst.com/aboutbc/reading-extract/>

On the website you can also find **more information** about the book, the **characters** and view the **book trailer**.

You want to know more about me? Feel free to visit my author's website:

<http://akamherst.com/aboutme/> If you are interested I can also supply you with a free copy of my book.

I would be delighted to hear from you. Best wishes,

Andrea

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From: [Fariel, Quinn](#)

Subject: MY FATHER'S WAKE - Kevin Toolis on BBC Ideas

Hello!

We recently reached out to let you know about the publication of *My Father's Wake: How the Irish Teach Us to Live, Love, and Die* by Kevin Toolis. This intimate, lyrical memoir explores both the ancient rite of the Irish wake, as well as the unique way the Irish overcome the fear of death.

We also wanted to share with you [this video](#) produced by BBC Ideas featuring author Kevin Toolis discussing the Irish wake, and in particular, his experience of the ceremony for his own father.

"I think the best way to deal with death is not to invent a new ritual or appoint another priest caste of bereavement counsellors or medical professionals. It is to do what we've always done and that's gather together as fellow mortals in the face of our mortality and seek to bridge that moment of bereavement and loss together."

—Kevin Toolis

Following the book's publication in the United States, we would love to partner with you to spread the word about this captivating book. If you would like to review the book on your blog or website, promote it on your preferred social media platform, or host a giveaway in the US or Canada, we would be more than happy to send you a copy. Limited numbers of signed copies of the US edition are available should you like to host a giveaway on your preferred online platform.

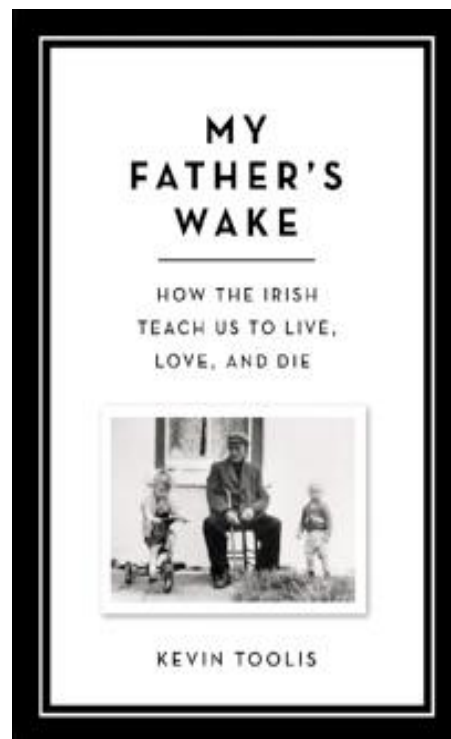
To learn more about *My Father's Wake*, click [here](#).

Thank you,

Quinn Fariel

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If you haven't stopped in at the Irish Import Shop in a while you're in for a surprise and a treat!



Before you walk in you'll be delighted by the new view from the street, which is an homage to the classic Irish storefront. Then, once in the door you may feel turned around... literally... as the shop attendant and register are at the front now. Browse the store and you'll see that we still carry all the items you know and love; plenty of Cadbury chocolate, Barry's and other Irish and English teas, McVitie's Jaffa Cakes, Heinz beans and plenty of other Irish and English edibles. Of course you'll find Claddagh rings and jewelry, Guinness pub glasses, woolen caps and sweaters and plenty of Beleek china and Waterford Crystal. But after browsing for a few minutes you'll notice something new... The Wren Theater off to one side of the shop. Yes, that's right, we said theater!

Hollywood's biggest small theater, the Wren Theater performance space can seat up to 40 people. They've already hosted some great events such as a stage reading of "A Child's Christmas in Wales" and a concert featuring Irish singer, Ken O'Malley, as well as an ongoing, open Traditional Music Session every Tuesday night. All are welcomed to participate in the Tuesday night session, which begins at 7:30pm, by playing an instrument, dancing, singing or just enjoying the music and refreshments that are available. Admission on Tuesdays is free and open to all members of Clan Craic, the non-profit, cultural wing of the Shop. Anyone can join Clan Craic by stopping by the shop or emailing

joinclancraic@gmail.com with the subject line "I want to join Clan Craic". More wonderful cultural events are currently being planned, such as concerts and theater events. So come and join us!

For those of you who may not know the history of the oldest Irish import shop on the west coast, the Irish import Shop, founded in 1962, by Richard ("Jonesy") and Annie Jones, started out as a room in the Jones' apartment, but grew in size and demand until 1988 when they opened the present location on Vine street, just north of Melrose. The Shop was bought by Anne Colburn in 2001 who ran it for 15 years until October, 2016 when she retired back to Dublin and passed the baton on to the shop's current proprietor, Thom MacNamara (Tommy Mac).

Thom MacNamara, is well-known in the Irish community of Los Angeles. He was the executive director for the Celtic Arts Center for years and received a Certificate of Commendation from the Los Angeles City Council for his efforts. He was the Producers Guild International Committee's representative to Ireland, and played the bass drum for the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society for over a decade. Tommy has also produced the annual Celtic Concert Series at the Ford Amphitheater for 10 years. So taking over the Irish Import Shop in 2016 was the perfect fit for him.

MacNamara says that creating a space for people to feel at home and enjoy a bit of Irish culture in the madness of Hollywood is what is most important to him. "People like the fact that walking into our homey shop feels a bit like being in Ireland," says Thom. "We play traditional Irish music and create an atmosphere of fáilte for all who enter". The shop is located at 742 Vine Street, Los Angeles, CA 90038 and there's plenty of free parking on-site. Hours are Monday through Friday from 11 am to 6pm, Saturdays 11 am to 5pm and Sundays from noon to 4pm. Check them out on the web at irishimportshop.com or call the shop at

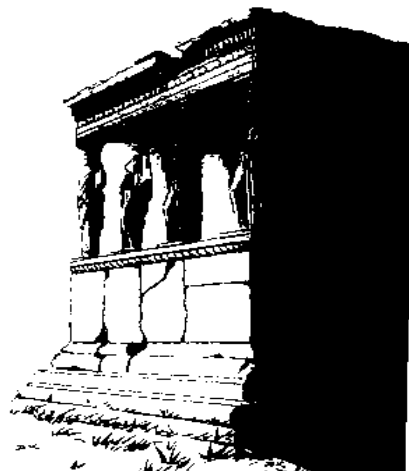
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Ordained at All Hallows College, Dublin, Ireland, Fr. Donal Keohane works in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, California. Besides doing pastoral work, he has been a practicing artist all his life, having his work displayed in galleries, churches, corporate buildings and in private homes. His interests are not confined to the visual arts alone; he is also a teacher, lecturer, counselor and published author, in the fields of religious studies, art appreciation, history and poetry. He has a Master's Degree in Fine Arts from The Catholic University in Washington DC, as well as a BA in Philosophy and Psychology from the National University of Ireland, and a BA in Education from the National Teacher's College in Ireland. He has studied Radio and Film Production in London.

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This is one of many beautiful works of art by: Fr. Donal Keohane – Visit the Exhibition on June 2/June 3

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May 18, 2018

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Following two weeks of packed houses for Webber's *Love Never Dies*, this high-octane Broadway and West End hit comes to Seegerstrom Hall July 24 – August 5, 2018. This hilarious musical features all the original songs from the 2003 film plus 14 new songs written specially for the show by Andrew Lloyd Webber and musical theater's first-ever all-kids rock band.

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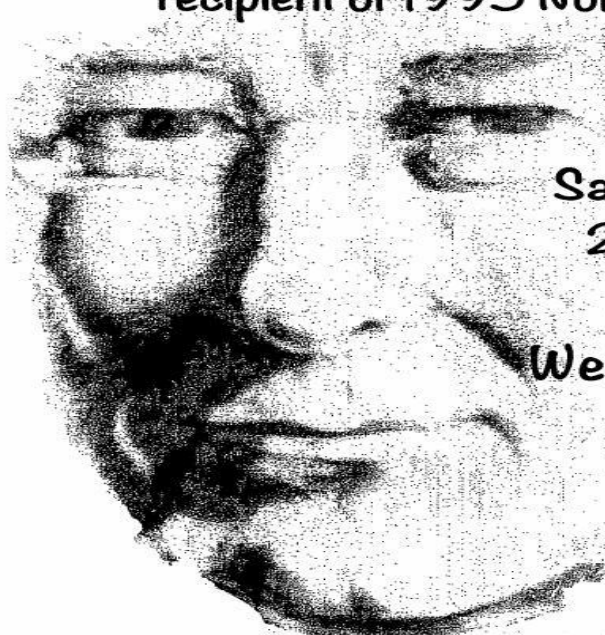
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Seamus Heaney

"Keeping Going"

The Life and Poetry of Seamus Heaney
Irish poet and
recipient of 1995 Nobel Prize in Literature



Read by Joe Praml

Saturday, June 30, 2018
2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m.

Westwood Branch Library

1246 Glendon Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90024
Tel: (310) 474-1739
www.joepraml.com

Drawing by Isabella Falla

For ADA accommodations call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hrs in advance



Joe Praml will read his compilation of the poetry of Seamus Heaney, Irish poet and recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in Literature.

The Nobel Committee described Heaney's poetry as "works of lyrical beauty and ethical depth, which exalt everyday miracles and the living past." Joe's reading centers

around three of Heaney's themes: the Troubles, the Irish people and the land and soil of Ireland. Joe brings out the humanity and humor of Seamus Heaney's poetry. Westwood Branch Library, Westwood Branch Library, 1247 Glendon Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. **Validated parking.**

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WHO WE ARE OUR MISSION & VISION

Our mission is to address the problems in society caused by excess alcohol consumption and drug usage. We do this through:

- Faith & Prayer. Self-denial. Example. Advocacy.
- Activities based on presenting alternatives to individuals, particularly the young

Our vision - based on the love in the Heart of Christ, as expressed in The Gospels - is to help to build a society where people live to their full potential and alcohol can be enjoyed in moderation avoiding the ills that arise in society from excess in its use.

Let me tell you my story about the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association. As many of you know "the Irish" have the name of liking their booze. The Catholic Church over the years have tried different programs to curtail the consumption of booze.

In the 1930's Fr Matthews was an ardent booster of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Society.

I was confirmed when I was about eleven or twelve years old. We were asked by the Bishop to pledge to abstain from alcohol. I took that pledge and I had my eighty seventh birthday in March and I have never broken it. Thank God!

Now "the feel good" part of this story. My cousin in Portadown, who is a nun and is around the

church all the time, called me and said that there was someone from L.A. who knows me had called the parish office and got information about the Pioneer fifty year pin. The days, the weeks and the months passed without another word until "the Second Sunday of the Month Social" at St Cornelius Church in Long Beach. I was there and Dennis Murray, the ever popular musician, called me to the front of the usual large crowd. Dennis then introduced Gerard O'Hanlon, the well-known Warrenpoint, Co Down man, in Orange County. The "sleuth" then explained as follows: He and his wife Geraldine had been to a function sponsored by the Irish Center of So Calif. They saw me with the regular Pioneer Pin in my jacket. It reminded them that his mother and father both had the fifty year Pioneer Pin. They decided that they would check out getting the special pin for me. I am deeply indebted to Gerald and Geraldine O'Hanlon.

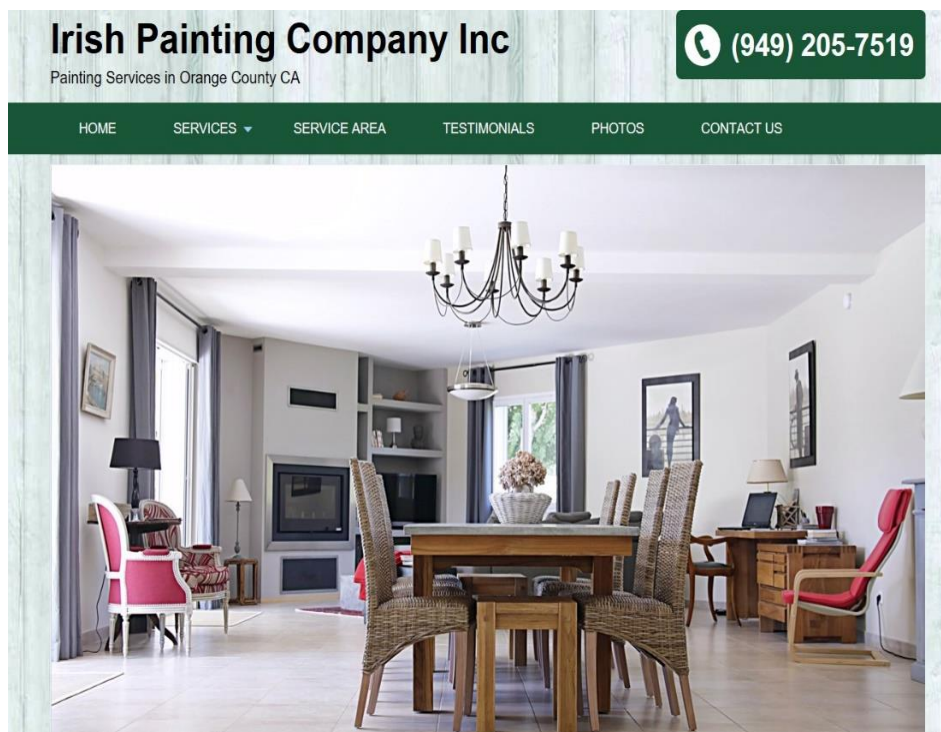
Tom McConville





Left to right, Gerard, my Da Jim (lifelong pioneer was 86 in May), my Ma Florrie (lifelong pioneer, passed away aged 81 May 2017), Alana, Cara, Geraldine, Rachel

- Alana-Sophomore Santa Margarita Catholic High School
- Cara-Gonzaga Class of '18
- Geraldine-"Princess" of Beaumont, Dublin
- Rachel- UCSB Class of '16
- Gerald and Geraldine met in New Orleans in 1990 and were Married in Dublin 1991



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The Celtic Arts Center presents Scottish Country Dancing taught by Ann McBride, certified instructor by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.



Mondays from June 4 through July 9, 2018
7:00–8:00 p.m.
at The Mayflower Club
11110 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

with Ann McBride

This class will be held in the main auditorium at the Mayflower Club. Join us at 7:00 p.m. If you haven't gotten enough exercise, join in the Irish céilí dance class at 8:00 p.m. Or you can just chill with a pint or anything else from our full cash bar, which is always open on Monday nights as you listen to the tunes from our seisiún musicians or hang around and chat with friends new and old.

Tuition: \$10/class for Non-members;
 \$5.00/class for members of either the Celtic Arts Center, the Mayflower Club or the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

SPECIAL PRICING

**If you register and pay for the full series of six classes in advance,
 pay for 5 classes and get the 6th free!**

That's \$50 for non-members or \$25 for members.

Email reservations@celticartscenter.com to reserve your spot!

This six week series will prepare you for several of the upcoming dances hosted by the RSCDS in the months of June and July. We'll begin with basic steps and figures and quickly put them together in some amazing dances for beginners such as Flowers of Edinburgh, Lady Lucy Ramsay, The Machine without Horses and It's Not Rocket Science, just to name a few! Not as strenuous as Irish céilí dancing, Scottish country dance still provides good exercise and the opportunity to learn enough to attend one of the local dances where you will meet new people and have lots of fun!

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marlene@britishhome-ca.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 9, 2018

**Enjoy a Bit o' Britain at the June Faire
 Offering Fun, Food and Entertainment for the Whole Family**

The British Home will be holding its 2018 June Faire on Saturday, June 9th, from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. This family-friendly event celebrating “All Things British “ is held annually in June on Saturday at Sierra Madre’s graceful non-profit independent and assisted living facility for seniors. Admission is free.

Colorful booths, boutiques and refreshment stands situated on the beautiful 3 acre campus will offer hand-made arts and crafts, books, collectibles, personal accessories and decorative items for sale. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the support of the British Home.

Refreshments include something for everyone--bangers on a bun, ploughman’s lunch, home-baked breads and pastries, strawberries and ice cream, and more. An outdoor Victorian Tea Room will be open for fairgoers to enjoy a leisurely “cuppa” and delicious English sweets and savories. Enjoy traditional Irish and Scottish dances performed by adults and youngsters on the upper lawn during the afternoon.

A congenial British Bobby and Beefeater will be strolling the grounds, happy to have their photo snapped, or to be included in a “selfie.”

One of the most popular Faire features is the Raffle Booth, where tickets may be purchased to enter the \$1,000 Grand Prize Raffle. The first, second and third place winners, who need not be present, are announced at the conclusion of the Faire.

The British Home is located at 647 Manzanita Avenue in Sierra Madre, in a residential area, with parking along Ramona and Manzanita Avenues, as well as on the side streets. For more information, please call (626) 355-7240 or visit our website: www.britishhome-ca.us.

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