

## THE STORY OF THE RPSI

This is a special year for the Society because we are celebrating our 40th anniversary.

The Society was formed on September 30, 1964 at a meeting in the Presbyterian Hostel in Belfast at which the Lord O'Neill presided.

To mark the anniversary, the Society has published a book called *Forty Shades of Steam* by Charles Friel and Joe Cassells (Colourpoint £12). Signed copies are available tonight.

The Society is a registered charity and has 1,100 members. It has had its headquarters at Whitehead since 1966.

It relies on proceeds from its trips and on the generosity of its members and other supporters to keep the wheels turning.

The RPSI's fleet now extends to 10 steam engines, three diesels and around 30 carriages.

The Society's trains are marketed and organised by the RPSI but operated by professional NIR and Iarnród Éireann crew when they are on the main line.

The Society is now an important player in the leisure market and its trains attract several thousand passengers every year.

Its operations range from the Santa and Easter Bunny specials to the Portrush Flyer, the Sea Breeze to Rosslare and the Steam Enterprise to Dublin.

Keep in touch with the RPSI through its website at: [www.rpsi-online.org](http://www.rpsi-online.org)



## RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF IRELAND

### *40th Anniversary Grand Gala Dinner*

Irish Railway Collection  
Ulster Folk & Transport Museum  
Cultra

Saturday 2nd October, 2004

*Menu*

## PROGRAMME

*Drinks reception in Main Gallery*

*Music by Grosvenor Grammar School Quartet*

*Welcome by the Lord O'Neill, RPSI President*

*Grace by the Rev Canon John McKegney*

### **Dinner**

*Cutting of 40th birthday cake*

*Comfort break*

### **Speeches:**

*Dr Garret FitzGerald, RPSI Vice-President*

*Philip Lockett and Gerry Mooney, RPSI  
Council members*

*Proposal of toast to the RPSI by David  
Morgan, Chairman of the Heritage Railway  
Association*

*Response by Sir Kenneth Bloomfield, RPSI  
Vice-President*

*Guests travelling home by special steam train are  
requested to make their way to Cultra station at  
10.45pm. The train will be departing at  
11.00pm sharp.*

## MENU

### **Starter**

*BBQ salmon with horseradish sauce*

*Fan of melon*

### **Main course**

*Hot dishes:*

*Strips of beef in stroganoff sauce*

*Chicken in cream and leak sauce*

*Cold dishes:*

*Honey baked ham*

*Roast turkey with mango dressing*

*All served with salads*

### **Desserts**

*Choice of Bailey's Irish Cream cheesecake  
or fresh fruit salad.*

*Tea/coffee and mints.*

## THANKS TO SPONSORS

*The RPSI 40 committee, which organised tonight's  
function, would like to express sincere thanks to our  
sponsors, without whose support this event would  
have been impossible. They are:*

*Ulster Folk & Transport Museum*

*NITHCo-Translink*

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*Edenderry Print*

**The Irish Railway Gallery is a no smoking venue**