



## RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF IRELAND

50 YEARS GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER

BELFAST CITY HALL, 13TH SEPTEMBER 2014

### INTRODUCTION

The Lord O'Neill, RPSI President

### WELCOME

Mr Denis Grimshaw, RPSI Chairman

### GRACE

Fr Eddie Creamer

### SPEAKERS

Mr Danny Kennedy, Minister for Regional Development

Mr Brian Simpson, Heritage Railway Association

Mrs Nora Owen, RPSI Vice-President

Canon John McKechnie

*Pre-dinner music provided by the  
Grosvenor Grammar School Quartet  
Conductor Rosemary Foster*

### BALLOT

The ballot is in aid of the restoration fund for the RPSI's first steam locomotive, 3BG *Guinness*. Donation envelopes are available on your table.

The prizes are:

Two RPSI International Railtour 2015 tickets

A Steam Engine Footplate day at Whitehead

RPSI 50 logo framed print

No. 85 breaking the tape framed print

3BG Appeal framed artwork

The winning ballots will be drawn and winners announced during the evening's proceedings

## MENU

Glenarm smoked salmon  
with a lemon and dill dressing  
served with homemade wheaten bread

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Roast Sirloin of Irish beef  
served with a red wine jus, buttery champ  
topped with fresh garden herbs,  
oven roasted winter vegetables  
and seasonal greens

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Assiette of dessert:  
A trio of desserts consisting of  
chocolate torte served with warm berries  
and vanilla bean ice cream

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Tea/freshly brewed coffee,  
with chocolate truffles

*Catering by Jane's Kitchen, Broughshane*

*A wine list is available*

*Cash bar open until midnight in the Great Hall*

## THE RPSI STORY

The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland was formed in Belfast on 30th September 1964, by a group of railway enthusiasts who vowed that working mainline steam in Ireland should not be consigned to the history books. Despite many early difficulties, their determination paid off and the Society has gone on to secure and restore to full working order some of the last remaining examples of Irish steam locomotives and heritage carriages.

For information about the RPSI please check out our website at [steamtrainsireland.com](http://steamtrainsireland.com)

## HERITAGE RAILWAY ASSOCIATION

This function is being held in conjunction with the Heritage Railway Association, whose members are holding their autumn meeting in Northern Ireland this weekend. The HRA represents the interests of the majority of heritage and tourist railways, tramways and railway preservation groups within both the UK and Ireland.

## THANKS

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