Press Release

**STEAM RUN “NAAS TO CORK”**

**23RD TO 29TH MAY, 2015**

A group of steam engine enthusiasts under the umbrella group of “Irish Steam Engine Owners Association” are going to drive 22 steam engines from Naas to Cork, leaving Naas on Saturday, May 23rd and arriving Cork on Friday, May 29th after covering all of 130 miles over 7 days. They will follow the old N7 Cork Road.

DAY 1: Saturday, 23rd May Leaving Naas through Newbridge, Kildare, Monasterevan, New Inn and stopping overnight at Tracy’s of the Heath

DAY 2: Sunday, 24th May Leaving The Heath, Portlaoise, Abbeyleix and on to Durrow for overnight in Durrow

DAY 3: Monday, 25th May Leaving Durrow, Cullahill, Johnstown and on to Urlingford for overnight stay in Urlingford

DAY 4: Tuesday, 26th May Leaving Urlingford to Littletown, Horse and Jockey and on to Cashel for overnight stay in Cashel

DAY 5: Wednesday, 27th May Cashel to New Inn, Cahir Kilbeneny and on to Mitchelstown for overnight in Mitchelstown

DAY 6: Thursday, 28th May Mitchelstown to Kilworth, through Fermoy and on to Rathcormac for an overnight stay in Rathcormac

DAY 7: Friday, 29TH May Leaving Rathcormac, Watergrasshill, Glanmire, Cork on to Ring Road and then N71 to Halfway

A number of these machines are coming in from England and Scotland to participate and can

be seen travelling along the route slowly over the 7 days (23rd to 29th May). The Drivers will

live in their wagons on the road over the week, and their machines can be viewed by the

public on any evening at the various overnight stop offs along the route. It is also envisaged

that we will visit schools on the route to give the children a taste of their agricultural heritage.

We would encourage everyone in the community to come out and support the Drivers with

the effort.

The purpose of this event is to raise money for charity and the Irish Steam Engine

Owners Association have done a similar event on two previous occasions in 2000 and again

in 2010 raising substantial sums on both occasions. This year the chosen charity is “Spina

Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland”, founded in 1968 by a group of parents to give information,

support and advice to people with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus, their parents and

carers, as well as to promote social inclusion and equality for people with these conditions in

Irish Society. Today, Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland represents 3,000 primary members

and their families nationally, employs a staff of 17 people who work in various roles i.e.

Family Support, Youth and Respite, Education Officer, Administration, Occupation Therapy

and at our Resource Centre in Clonshaugh, Dublin. Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland also

employs some people on Community Employment and TÚS Schemes.

Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland Volunteers will be taking up a bucket collection en route during the week and will be easily recognised by their bright orange bibs they will be wearing. Any support the public can offer will be very much appreciated.

To donate: visit [www.mycharity.ie/event/steam\_engine\_run/](http://www.mycharity.ie/event/steam_engine_run/)

Text SBHI to 50300 to donate €2.00.

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