

# Fancy Footwork

with Leanne Nelson

## Kennedy School World Celebration Party

*Belfast*

On a sunny Friday evening the Europa Hotel in Belfast acted as the grand venue for the Kennedy School's 'World Champions Party'.

The World Irish Dance Championships, which were held during Easter in the city at the Waterfront Hall, a short distance from the Europa, proved to be a great

success for the Kennedy School. Not only did they have the winning dancer in the solo competition and the Dance Drama, they also had top 5 placings in several of the girls and boys age groups, along with a second place in the Junior Figure Team with their very own dance based on the Titanic. The Titanic routine also bore historical importance for Belfast's industry during the 1900's, where the infamous vessel was built.

The party was held not only to acknowledge all the children who danced on the World stage, but also paid particular attention to the celebrations of their 2008 'World Champions.'

Mary McEvoy Morgan (Under 13 Girls World Solo Champion) and also her class mates, and dance partners in the Dance Drama category, which won the coveted Michael Flatley World Trophy.

With a three course sit down meal, party games and a great D.J it celebration was a success. Dancers and their families had a great night, with teacher Brendan Gillen even putting together a very professional slide show

presentation of their World Championship experience.

It was a fantastic night and great to be able to celebrate the success of some of Ulster's, and the World's finest Irish Dancers.



■ Mary McEvoy - under 13 World Champion



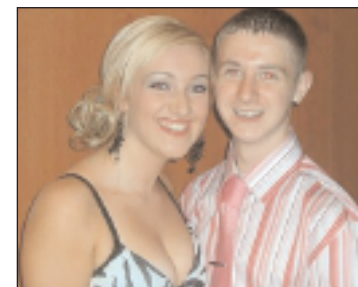
■ School friends and Kennedy World Champs: Lauren, Rebecca and Mary (all aged 13)



■ Danielle Fegan with the Dance Drama trophy



■ Kennedy girls enjoying their night



■ Niamh and Michael



■ Ann, Oona and Jacqueline Kennedy



■ Maria, Danielle and Patrice with some of the Kennedy World Trophies



■ Some of the dancers

## Bobbie Trotter wins America!

Congratulations to Bobbie Trotter who won the under 15 Girls Championship at the North Americans. Bobbie, who dances for the Carey Academy in Birmingham

has recently returned home from the North American National Championships, which were this year held in Nashville, Tennessee. Well Done!



### Scanlon School of Irish Dancing

Classes in Hall Green, Acocks Green Billesley & Kings Heath

For Scanlon dancers it's not just about competing and winning – it's about being part of a team and more importantly, being part of the Irish community.

We hold classes from beginner up through champion level. Beginning from the age of 3 - the idea is to have fun and learn at the same time. Progression leads to competitions and shows – however it is not a requirement to compete in order to take classes with the Scanlon School.

For more information feel free to come and see us at Fox Hollies Leisure Centre, Acocks Green, Saturday mornings at 10am.

Contact us on 0121 628 2698 or email us at scanlon.irishdancing@ireland.com

## Glendarragh Open Feis

*Midlands Region*

Over the last weekend in May, Aidan Comerford and his team of teachers welcomed dancers from all over the U.K and Ireland to their annual Open Feis.

The Glendarragh Feis once again returned to the superb venue in Derby, within easy access of East Midlands Airport, which proved an added bonus to those who made the trip from Belfast and Derry.

The feis ran over two days and incorporated the grades, Preliminary and Open Championships with high entry numbers in all age groups.



■ Under 12 Championship



■ Under 12 Preliminary Championship