

## INTRO

Hopefully the good weather over the last few weeks is a sign of things to come over the course of the summer. Certainly the heat lifted spirits and was as warm as anything I have experienced in France in the last few years. More of the same would certainly add to the increasing numbers of naked bodies on Irish beaches. Fingers crossed and let's be prepared to get out there and take the opportunities as they arise.

During the recent good spell I spent some time at the bathing spot on the Vico Road. Not having been there in many years I was impressed with the numbers using the facility and even more impressed with ratio of nudes to non-nudes.

I have found myself wondering for a while now if the frequency of nude "events" in various locations around the country has had any impact in terms of people being prepared to try out naturism in an Irish setting rather than wait until they go abroad.

While these events are nude they are not naturist. They may be charity events aimed at raising awareness and funds for very good causes, they may be tongue-in-cheek protests, or they may be art installations. Whatever the reasoning behind these events they are fun, they have a great

communal and party atmosphere about them. How often have we heard people when interviewed after these events say it was a liberating experience? I would like to think that people who maybe would never venture on to a naturist beach in the normal course of events can, through experiences like these, begin to understand why people like us would want to do it on a more regular basis and maybe, just maybe, some of these recently "liberated" participants might also like to do this nude thing on a more regular basis themselves.

Anyway, let me just finish off by saying that I can't think of any better reason for getting your kit off than raising funds for worthwhile causes so why not join in and feel the liberation of having done your good deed this summer.



## EVENTS

**British Naturism's largest** event of the year NUDEFEST takes place from 7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> July. For one week only, BN take over the whole of Newperran Holiday Park, Newquay TR8 5QJ and organise lots of fun events both on and off the site. The whole site is clothes free for the whole week including the bar and restaurant. You can come along for just a few days or for the whole week.

**On the 21<sup>st</sup> July there will** be an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the number of people skinny dipping together. It currently stands at 506. The attempt will take place at the naturist beach in Vera Playa, which is in Almeria in Spain and is well known to many Irish naturists. This event is part of the Spanish Naturist Federation's *Day without Swimsuits* promotion.

**British Naturism will again** be taking over the well known Alton Towers Splash Landings Waterpark and Hotel, in the Midlands of England, on November 22-24th and all INF Members are cordially invited. The event will run from Friday evening until Sunday lunchtime, with nudity allowed throughout the Splash Landings Hotel and Waterpark all through the weekend.