

INTRODUCTION

The Glorious Celtic F.C. was founded in 1888. The place was the **Catholic church of St. Mary's at East Rose Street in Glasgow**, on the initiative of a Marist brother called **Brother Walfrid**, from Ballmote, an Irish village in County Sligo. The plan for the foundation of a football club was for **charitable reasons**, "**The Poor Children's Dinner Table**" to be precise, which was a sort of organisation designed to support poor Catholic children in the east end of the city, of which the greater part was populated by the poor Irish immigrants who were relegated down to margins of happiness. After 120 years the company Celtic Football Club and all its affiliated supporters clubs still pursue this authentic **social "mission"** through various forms of charity, for which, surpassing other sporting merits, has received world wide acclaim.

Barga Celtic Supporters Club also intends to be a promoter of such initiatives which can contribute in putting a smile on those all too often bleak skies enveloped with dark and heavy clouds.

THE EVENT

In conjunction with the date **3rd of January 2010**, the day when Celtic will again take to the field against Rangers to contest a derby which holds more than just a sporting significance. Barga CSC will convene with its members to follow the game live on television at our usual base of operations, Bar Paologas on Piazzale del Fosso. It seemed a good idea to take this opportunity to give some more purpose to this appointment, turning the day into an absolute social event. Working with the **Barga Council**, the idea is to launch a campaign for **the nursery, primary and lower secondary schools** to invite the children to produce artwork regarding the theme "**Barga under the Christmas Tree with Celtic colours**" which will be put **on display for the entire Christmas period** in a gallery which the local council will make available to us. **Anyone can visit the gallery and buy a drawing on offer.** Furthermore, the **artwork** will be evaluated by **a jury which will select the best drawing from each school institution** (one from the nursery, one from the primary and one from the lower secondary school), **which will be framed and put up for availability in a lottery.** **The extraction for the lottery will take place on the 3rd of January 2010, at Piazzale del Fosso, some minutes before the game commences.** The names of the artists for the three drawings selected in the lottery will be sent to the schools. The **three children** should be present on the day of the lottery and will receive a gift from **Official Celtic merchandise.** The extraction at the same time will take place with the three children who will each take turns in selecting the winning numbers, under the supervision of the various school masters. **All proceeds will go to the charity association onlus GVS**, dedicated for some time in the aid of disabled children. In particular, the funds made will contribute to the management and setting up of seven workshops for craft and design activities.

One last worthy point.....at the end of the ceremony, everyone is welcome to see out the remainder of the day with us as we watch the Celtic v Rangers game live on satellite.

OBJECTIVES

- The children, encouraged by the value of generosity, will become directly involved as promoters of a charitable event by putting on display one of their own “poetic productions” and launch a very important message.
- And that’s not all. The idea is also to present to the Barga community these precious drawings as a gift for Christmas which can give sense to the true meaning of the festive period, i.e. break up the usual routine of commercialism that lacks any profound definition, by being backed up by a “gesture” capable of offering a real personal contribution of solidarity.

MAIN FORMALITIES

- The artwork should be completed by the 8th of December on sheets of size A4 paper and put on display starting on the days following their completion. Each drawing should be signed by the young artist and include the name and class of his/her school.
- Barga CSC will communicate to the schools the names of the three children whose artwork has been selected for the prize lottery.
- Lottery extraction will take place on 3rd January 2010, with the children and in the presence of the authorities who helped with the event.
- The three children will each receive a prize from Barga Celtic Supporters Club of Official Celtic Merchandise.

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