



2025 Camrose Weekend Two

Hosted by the Northern Ireland Bridge Union

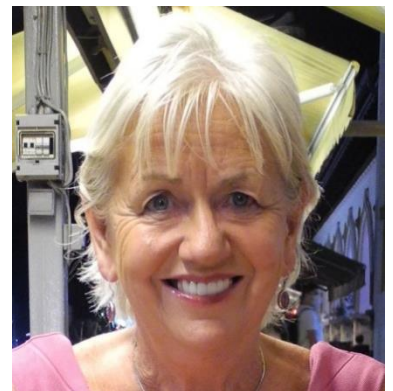
7th – 9th March 2025

The event is being run by the Northern Ireland Union and held at the La Mon Hotel and Country Club, Castlereagh, Belfast.



Match Manager, Helen Hall, on behalf of the Northern Ireland Bridge Union and Bridge Great Britain welcomes all Players, Team Captains and Supporters to La Mon Hotel and Country Club, for the 82th Camrose.

There is a Vugraph Theatre for spectators to watch 'live' play whilst listening to expert and instructive commentary.



Officials:

Match Manager: Helen Hall
Assistant Match Manager: Anne Hassan
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Liz Scott (Organiser), Ken Hammond, Heather Hill, Joan Baird, Heather Hill, Sandie Millership, Anne Fitzpatrick, Mary Flynn, Helena McCambridge and Dermot O'Brien.

The photographs in this programme have been kindly supplied by the players, and the World Bridge Federation register of players.

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Schedule

Friday	17:30	Buffet Dinner	Gransha Suite	
	19:00 - 21.10	Ireland v Scotland	England v Wales	NIBU v N. Ireland
	21:25 - 23:35	Ireland v Scotland	England v Wales	NIBU v N. Ireland
Saturday		Breakfast	Breakfast Room	
	10:00 - 12:10	Scotland v England	Wales v NIBU	N. Ireland v Ireland
	12:25 - 14:35	Scotland v England	Wales v NIBU	N. Ireland v Ireland
	14:35 - 15:20	Lunch	Gransha Suite	
	15:20 - 17:30	Ireland v England	N. Ireland v Wales	Scotland v NIBU
	17:45 - 19:55	Ireland v England	N. Ireland v Wales	Scotland v NIBU
	20:30	Buffet Dinner	Gransha Suite	
Sunday	7:30 – 9:00	Breakfast	Breakfast Room	
	10:00 - 12:10	NIBU v Ireland	Scotland v Wales	England v N. Ireland
	12:25 - 14:35	NIBU v Ireland	Scotland v Wales	England v N. Ireland
	14:35 - 15:20	Lunch	Milford Suite	
	15:20 - 17:30	N. Ireland v Scotland	England v NIBU	Wales v Ireland
	17:45 - 19:55	N. Ireland v Scotland	England v NIBU	Wales v Ireland
	20:30	Reception & Prize giving Dinner	Milford Suite	
Monday		Breakfast	Breakfast Room	

THE CAMROSE TROPHY

Format

The Camrose Trophy comprises six teams, the sixth team being fielded, in rotation, by the country hosting the final weekend. In 2023 Ireland fields two teams, one as "Ireland" the other as "CBAI".

Five head-to-head matches of 32 boards in 16-board stanzas, the 2 teams from Ireland playing against each other in the first match.

Teams consist of a maximum of 6 players. The team printed first in the schedule sits North-South in the Open Room and East-West in the Closed Room throughout the match.

Seating rights alternate between the two teams. In the first stanza the Captain of the second-named team nominates his/her pairs first; in the second stanza the first-named Captain nominates first.

Public Presentation

In any one session, 3 matches are in progress. The play in each match is broadcast with a 30 min delay on the internet via RealBridge. 'Live' viewing for Team Captains and spectators is available in the Broadcasting Room. Entry to the Closed Room is prohibited.

Smoking and Alcohol

Please note that smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hotel. In addition the consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing areas.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication must be switched off in the playing area and be visible at the table at all times. Any player leaving the playing table prior to completion of the session must leave his/her mobile phone and electronic devices at the table. Spectators in the Vugraph theatre are requested to ensure that mobile phones are switched off.

Regulations for Open Room Spectators

You may watch the players live in the Open Room provided you observe the following rules:

- A spectator may not enter the Open Room while play is in progress. This also applies even if a match has started before the advertised starting time.
- If a spectator leaves the Open Room while play is in progress, he may not return until the play session (i.e. the match) has been completed.
- During play in the Open Room spectators must refrain from mannerisms or remarks and must not converse with a player or display any reaction to bidding or play.
- Spectators are permitted to observe the cards of one player only.
- A spectator should be seated behind a single player and may not get up to walk round the table or seek to look at the cards of any other player.
- Spectators are not permitted to sit where they can see the screen of the Vugraph Operator covering the internet match.
- Spectators may not draw attention to any irregularity or mistake nor speak on any question except by request of the Director.
- The Director in Charge and/or the Match Manager is empowered to control the presence of spectators, individually or collectively.
- Under no circumstances may a member of the audience enter the Closed Room.

Northern Ireland

Wayne Somerville & Paul Tranmer
Rex Anderson & David Greenwood
Michael Coffey & Fergal O'Shea
NPC: Michael McFaul



Wayne Somerville

Wayne is currently studying Software and Games Development at the South Eastern Regional College (SERC) in Bangor. In an effort to not be the youngest active member of the NIBU, he is part of the coaching team for juniors for both Northern Ireland and Ireland as well as being on the respective youth committees. When he is not playing or coaching, he enjoys playing pool, chess, listening to symphonic metal and solving other logic puzzles, particularly the many sudoku variants out there. He is also an avid Manchester United fan.



Paul Tranmer



Paul is an ex-Yorkshire resident of Banbridge. A retired IT Project Manager who now spends the majority of his leisure time playing Bridge, Backgammon and Poker. When it occasionally stops raining he plays a little golf with great enthusiasm but modest results. In his youth, (a long time ago now), his bidding was a little wild but nowadays he only goes for 1700 about twice a season.

Rex Anderson

Rex is a retired solicitor living in Coleraine and is currently writing a history of the NIBU. His Camrose career commenced in 1969 when he played with his father. Rex holds the record for Camrose caps. In 2015 he played on the Irish Senior Team which reached the quarter finals in the D'Orsi Bowl in Chennai.



David Greenwood



David is a retired Financial Adviser. He has represented Ireland on a number of occasions and has played in 5 Camrose matches with his wife Diane. His partnership with Rex has been the bedrock of the N Ireland Camrose team for many years. He is the only member of the team to have won the Camrose (albeit playing for England at the time!)

Michael Coffey

Michael retired from AIB Group after 47 years service where he spent most of his career in IT. A native of Kilgarvan County Kerry, he moved to Northern Ireland in the late 1970's where he became interested in the game of Bridge thanks to a former bank colleague Aiden Fitzgerald. He claims to be the only "Kerryman" to represent Northern Ireland in the Camrose which he has done on numerous occasions with John Lavery (The Bishop) and more recently with his current partner Fergal O'Shea (A Corkonian). Michael is also a keen Golfer and has an avid interest in all sports, Gaelic Football and Rugby to mention a few.



Fergal O'Shea



Fergal is currently working as a Tech Lead with a company in Belfast. He is a relative newcomer to the team, with this weekend being his third Camrose cap. His time outside work is usually fully occupied by a family, including 2 teenagers, a dog and a cat. In addition to bridge, he also enjoys football, rugby, GAA and anything to do with 20th century history.

Michael McFaul - NPC

Michael has been teaching and writing about Bridge since the 1970s. He has been Secretary of the Northern Ireland Bridge Union since 2013. Michael has been NPC to the Camrose and Teltscher teams on numerous occasions as well as playing in both events.



NIBU

Ian Lindsay (PC) & Ian Hamilton
Hastings Campbell & Diane Greenwood
Pat McDaid & Zrinka Kokot



Ian Lindsay (PC)

Ian has represented the NIBU with five different partners. He is a retired chartered accountant who now acts as Treasurer for six charities connected with music, the visual arts, health and the disabled.

Ian is a past Secretary, Chairman, Selector, and Congress Organiser, of the NIBU, a past President of the Irish Bridge Union and currently the examining accountant of BGB.



Ian Hamilton



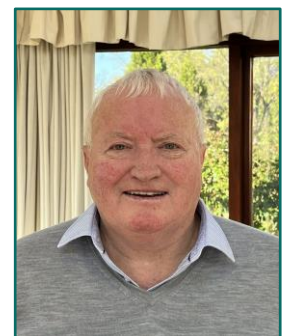
Ian is a retired GP and Occupational Physician living in Belfast. As well as bridge he enjoys cricket, being Fixture Secretary for his club, and a League Secretary in the Northern Cricket Union. He has watched England home and away in all Test countries bar Bangladesh and Zimbabwe.

He is also keen on baseball, and follows Ulster Rugby. He spends a lot of time running NIBU simultaneous pairs, has other NIBU duties, plus has played with a number of partners in both the Teltscher and Camrose over 25 years. He finally made it onto an Ireland Senior team in June 2024, playing in Denmark with Ian Lindsay. This is his seventh Camrose weekend with Ian.

Hastings Campbell

Hastings is a retired University lecturer who also manages a large property portfolio Estate Agent specialising in Student accommodation in Belfast. He has represented Northern Ireland in the Camrose for over 40 years with a number of different partners.

Hastings takes his bridge very seriously as long as it doesn't interfere with his true passion, cricket.

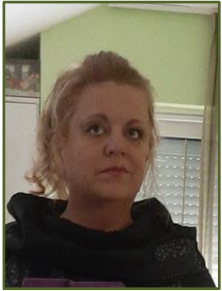


Diane Greenwood

Diane has played before in the Camrose with both her husband David and the late Martin Devlin. She has represented Ireland in Europeans and also World Championships. As a bridge instructor she has travelled on cruises to Antarctica and The Falklands, sailed down the Amazon, and many other places. As well as bridge her main love in life is gardening, having undertaken a horticultural diploma at an Agricultural College and now grows her own plants and vegetables and does voluntary work at Antrim Castle Gardens.



Zrinka Kokot



Zrinka moved to Northern Ireland in September 2018 from Zagreb, Croatia. Psychologist and currently working as a recruiter (human resources). Started playing bridge about 20 years ago back in Croatia but quit after 3 years because she was an avid and active puzzle solver and could not dedicate time to both. Still love solving puzzles, but after moving to Derry decided to give full attention to bridge, we will see with how much success. 😊

Pat McDaid

Pat has lived in Derry almost his entire life, both sides of the Foyle River and very happy on either side. He was introduced to bridge as a game loving teen. It has been a constant friend for over 40 years. Had a brief but quite satisfying affair with Poker in his forties.



This is Pat's second time participating in Camrose.

Scotland

Brian Spears and Barnet Shenkin
Paul Barton & Jun Nakamaru-Pinder
Miro Dragic & Robert Ferrari
NPC Anne Symons



Barnet Shenkin

Barnet first played in the Camrose in 1972 and was part of Scotland's winning run in the seventies. He had a very successful partnership winning the Sunday Times invitational and Gold Cup with Michael Rosenberg who moved to the USA becoming a multiple World Champion. Barnet followed Michael to the USA and played and coached there professionally for 25 years. He has written two books "Playing with the Bridge Legends" and recently "Heroes Icons and Scandals", -stories of famous players and insight into both old and new Scandals. He has returned to Scotland with his wife Maggie, also a keen bridge player.



Brian Spears



"I have played bridge all my life and have been lucky enough to play with some very strong players. One of my favourite partners and very close friend was John Murdoch, who sadly recently passed away. I have now formed a partnership with Barnet Shenkin, after taking a few years away from the game.

Along with bridge, I am an enthusiastic poker player and my other main passion is supporting the green and white football team in Glasgow".

Paul Barton

Paul and Jun have several Camrose caps and an outing at the European Championships since debuting as a partnership at the Camrose in 2017. Paul's first Camrose was in 2013 with Brian Spears, Jun's in 2015 with Phil Morrison. Paul grew up in Somerset where he started learning bridge as an older teenager.

After a bridge pause for study and work, on moving to Scotland in 2001, Paul took up playing again. He has won major national competitions with different partners, including the Scottish Cup three times. Away from bridge you might spot Paul in the mist at the top of a hill as he tries to get round all the Munros with his partner. Paul works part time as a tax consultant, and hopes to retain all his fingers as he takes on home renovation this year.



Jun Nakamaru-Pinder



Jun grew up in Aberdeen where he learned to play bridge as a junior. After studying maths at the University of Edinburgh, he moved into actuarial consulting, advising Trustees and sponsors of pensions schemes, splitting his time between Edinburgh and London.

Jun's favourite sports are running (participating) and sumo (watching).

Miro Dragic

Miro was born in Sarajevo, learning to play bridge at the age of 19 and graduating in Computer Science. He moved to Scotland in 1992 for a Master's Degree in Glasgow and promptly joined the Scottish bridge scene. The new millennium brought major distractions to bridge - raising a family and expanding a career in software development, but bridge continued in the background. He has played in 5 Camrose matches between 1997 and 2004, three European championships and took part in the 2005 Bridge Olympiad as coach. Other hobbies are tennis, scuba diving and skiing.



Robert Ferrari



Robert is a Chartered Accountant who works in the Hotel Industry

He's spent most of his life in the Manchester Area where he learned to play Bridge whilst at Manchester University.

He has been away from Bridge for about 25 years but has recently returned to the fold. Away from Bridge his main passion is football (Celtic & Liverpool) and of course his wife.

Anne Symons – NPC



Anne is a retired Pharmacist who, with her husband Andrew, recently moved to Perthshire for Grandparenting duties. She has been a regular member of the Scottish Women's Team for the last 25 years and has played all over the world, in Europeans, Olympiads, World Bridge Games and even the Venice Cup. She has several Lady Milne wins to her credit, and was also part of the first Women's Pair to represent Scotland in the Camrose. She still finds time for other interests; choir, yoga, tai chi and teaching Bridge, to name a few.

Ireland

Nick Fitzgibbon & Adam Mesbur
Mark Moran & John Carroll
Tom Hanlon & Conor Boland
NPC Grainne Barton



Mark Moran



Mark, originally from Offaly, represented Ireland at junior level, but for a long period after that bridge took something of a back seat to a very successful business career. On returning to the game more seriously, it didn't take him long to re-establish himself, being part of the 2005 Camrose winning team in partnership with Peter Pigot. Playing initially with Rory Boland and more recently with John Carroll, he has been a regular on the Irish panel since 2013, and has been part of many successful teams, winning the Camrose in 2015 and 2017, as well as the Gold Cup in 2020. He has also been non playing captain of several Irish teams, including the first Irish team to win the Camrose in 2000.

John Carroll

John is an executive in the software industry, based in Dublin, and is part of an Irish bridge dynasty, with both his mother and his wife having represented us internationally. He has been a member of the Irish team for the best part of two decades and was part of the European silver medal winning team in 2006, and the fourth-placed team in the World Teams championships in 2012. He has won multiple Camrose and Lederer trophies, and recently added the Gold Cup to his CV.



Tom Hanlon



Tom, originally from Rochfortbridge, Co Westmeath, but based in Dublin, Tom (aka "Kinder" – you can ask him where he got the nickname) has been a fixture on Irish bridge teams for three decades, moving straight from the Junior to the Open team in 1994. Now a full time bridge professional, he plays, and wins, extensively in Europe and the USA. Aside from more than 50 national championships, Tom is a multiple winner of both the Camrose and the Lederer, and a European Team silver medallist in 2006,.

Conor Boland

Conor is a former junior international who made his senior debut in last year's Camrose and has become an integral part of the open squad. He already has a home international title under his belt, having been a member of Ireland's (only) Peggy Bayer winning team in 2016. In partnership with Karel De Raeymaeker, he has won several national titles in the past few years. Recently graduated from Dublin City University, Conor has embarked on a career in the world of accounting and taxation, and is currently living in Paris.



Adam Mesbur



Adam is retired from the world of finance. His long partnership with Nick FitzGibbon dates back to the early 70s, and established them as one of the leading pairs in Europe.

Their many achievements include multiple victories in the Camrose, silver in the Junior European Teams in 1974, bronze in the European Teams in 1979, silver in the Common Market Pairs in 1980, silver in the European Teams in 2006, and a fourth-place finish in the World Teams championships in 2012.

Nick Fitzgibbon

Nick's international bridge success actually predates his partnership with Adam in that he played on the Irish Open Team in the Miami Olympiad in 1972, finishing in twelfth position. Along with the international achievements listed above, Nick and Adam have won all the major Irish national championships, most of them on multiple occasions.



Gráinne Barton - NPC



Gráinne has been the NPC of this Irish Team for more than ten years now, guiding them to many successes, including in the Camrose. The team are always quick to acknowledge the key role that Gráinne's organisation and motivation plays in their success.

Perhaps less well known is that her playing credentials are also impeccable – she is an international medal-winner in her own right, and has represented Ireland in both the Camrose and the Lady Milne.

Wales

Julian Pottage & Tony Ratcliff
Steve Auchterlonie & Andy Hughes
Adam Dunn & Dafydd Jones
NPC Andrea Knox



Tony Ratcliff



Tony lives in Barry, S.Wales, and works as a Group Finance Manager in Cardiff. He has led the all-time Master Point List in Wales for over 20 years, and was a team member that won the Gold Medal for Wales in the 2014 Commonwealth Nations Championships in Glasgow, beating the holders India to secure the Gold Medal. Tony's bridge partner from 2005 has been Julian Pottage after Julian moved to Porthcawl. They have won a number of domestic events recently including several Welsh National (Geoff Evans) Online Leagues. He and Julian have been regulars for Wales in the Camrose and European Championships over the last few years. In his spare time, Tony dabbles with selling on eBay and fruit and vegetable gardening.

Julian Pottage

Julian lives with his family in Porthcawl. He is Bridge Correspondent for the Daily Telegraph and is the host of the Bridge Questions Forum for Bernard Magee Bridge. He contributes to several bridge magazines, at home and abroad, and has written over 25 books on the game. Julian's other business interests are dog breeding (golden retrievers) and stock photography (mainly landscapes and general scenes). Julian is also an avid genealogist, managing DNA results for several of his relatives.



Steve Auchterlonie



"I was born and spent my early years in Barry. Having moved around the UK, I currently live in Kent with my partner, Kerry.

I started playing bridge in lunch hours when I was at secondary school, and this continued when I was at Bristol and Southampton universities. I have now been playing for over 40 years.

Apart from playing bridge, I enjoy fellwalking and travelling. I work part time for the civil service".

Andy Hughes

"I live in Brecon, Mid Wales with my wife Roz and Loki the lurcher. We have 3 children, all grown up and 2 grandchildren with a 3rd due imminently.

I started playing bridge whilst at University in Southampton and have now played for 40+ years.

In my spare time apart from playing bridge and walking the dog, I try very hard to play golf. At home I enjoy cooking and the odd (or more) glass of wine, I am a lifelong follower of Southampton Football Club".



Adam Dunn



Adam grew up in Tywyn, mid-Wales in a bridge playing family (brother Jake also plays in the Welsh team and father Philip is a popular face on the bridge scene). He first played for Wales in 1992 and after regularly playing for both the junior and open teams he gave up bridge in 2006. He returned in 2019 to partner Dafydd Jones, and this will be their 5th Camrose together. Adam works in Executive Search and lives on the Hampshire coast with his wife, Diz, and three unruly teenagers, Charlie, Poppy and Clover.

Dafydd Jones

Dafydd grew up in West London and has played for Wales since 1994. First in the Junior team with Adam's brother, Jake and then in the senior team with his own father, Gary, until 2012. After a break of 7 years he returned to partner Adam in 2019.

This will be their fifth Camrose playing together. Dafydd is the CFO at management a boutique firm investment and lives in Buckinghamshire with his wife, Tessa, and children Geraint and Henry.



Andrea Knox NPC



Andrea is an ex-City Solicitor and Licensed Insolvency Practitioner who runs a niche commercial law firm and plays bridge 'to relax'.

She escaped London 20+ years ago and moved to the Great Orme in Llandudno where she rebuilt a derelict farmhouse overlooking the Irish Sea and the Snowdonia mountain range. She lives there with her husband Martin Garvey (whom she met through bridge) and their 3 naughty collies Blarney, Dave and Basil. She is the current President of the Welsh Bridge Union and Co-President of the LlanBrighton Bridge Union.

She has represented Wales in 3 Lady Milnes and plays in most ACBL Nationals these days, her best result coming 5th in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs in 2024 in Louisville with Martin. In her limited spare time, she competes with Martin at bridge and against him on their home pool table, at golf, Wordle, Scrabble and everything else and tries in vain to interest her three grandsons in playing bridge rather than supporting Man United.

England

Graham Osborne & Frances Hinden
Neil Rosen & John Atthey
Chris Jagger & Derek Patterson
NPC Michael Byrne



Frances Hinden



Frances is Group Treasurer at Shell and has spent over thirty years at the company. She started playing bridge seriously at Cambridge University where she won the Junior Camrose. Since then she has won many national titles, including the Premier League, Gold Cup and Spring Foursomes twice each. Frances also has a keen interest in the Laws and sits on the EBU Regulations Committee. Outside bridge and work, Frances particularly enjoys travelling, eating out, good wine and classical music.

This is Frances' seventh Camrose playing with Graham, and her second without her husband Jeffrey Allerton on the team who died in September 2024.

Graham Osborne

Graham Osborne is a man of mystery who when not playing bridge or drinking expensive wine, hides in the dark forests of Surrey. He has represented England countless times in partnership with Frances Hinden, not only in the Camrose but also in European Mixed and World Championships, as well as in the Open Olympiad in 2016. Domestically he has won every major English Trophy, and has finished 2nd in the NEC and his international record includes a second place in the NEC championship in Japan, and two European Mixed Bronze Medals. He retired from his job in the city some years ago, and now spends his time playing bridge and tending his arboreal dwelling.



Neil Rosen



The old man of the team, Neil has been toiling away in the Camrose for over 30 years. He has been full-time in bridge for the whole period, primarily running his own club (now online only - sadly not the same feeling or buzz at all). Neil's wife Anne is a top class player in her own right but their two children have actively

avoided the dreaded bridge. Neil and John have been playing for five years together this is their third Camrose together. Rather to his surprise Neil has become a relatively successful author, his book 'Five Card Majors : 2-Over-1 and All That' is still high on bridge sales lists (available from the usual online retailer).

John Atthey

John Atthey lives and works in London as an accountant, and has represented England many times, starting out when he was a teenager on the England Under 20 team. He subsequently played in four/ Junior European Championships and has now moved on to representing the England Open team in a successful partnership with Neil Rosen. Domestically he has won the Hubert Phillips, Brighton Pairs, Tollemache and Pachabo.



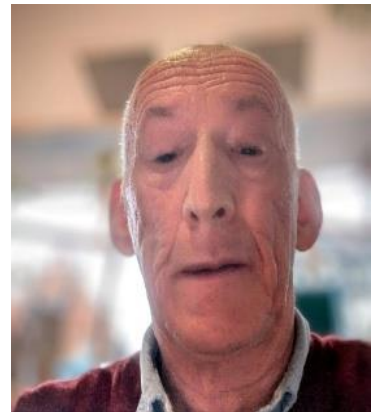
Chris Jagger



Chris Jagger lives in Cambridge with his wife Cath and 13 year old son, Tim. Chris lectured in mathematics before training as an accountant for Deloitte, spending many years running their national training programmes. Since 2018 he has been free-lancing in various areas, including being a bursar for a small research institute, teaching maths, playing bridge and leading guided tours of Cambridge. Chris has won most of the national events, and represented England at the 2019 Bermuda Bowl, where they got to the quarter finals. He is also rather keen on travel (just back from Djibouti) and music, and may be espied going for a morning Parkrun or swim if the opportunity presents.

Derek Patterson

Derek Patterson lives in Maidstone, Kent, runs Chislehurst Bridge Club and teaches bridge in Blackheath and other private sessions. As a player, he has been lucky enough to have experienced some success at both national and international level. Also, he has had the privilege of being the non-playing captain of several England teams in recent years.



Outside bridge, Derek can sometimes be found engaging in such futile pursuits as: trying to beat par on the golf course, striving to emulate Matteo Mancuso on guitar and, occasionally, attempting to prove the 4-colour Theorem – maybe best to stick to bridge!

NPC Michael Byrne



Michael Byrne is normally the long suffering Captain of the England junior team, but he has traded it in this weekend to be the short suffering captain of the Open team instead. This is the first time he has captained an Open team having played on several over the past few years. Michael is from Manchester, in the North of England but still further south than where we are today in Belfast.