



The Féile Bulletin

Fundraiser Concert a resounding success



Matt Cranitch & Jackie Daly

Féile's opening gig, a fundraiser concert at Bob's upstairs Bar, Kanturk on Wednesday,

December 30th heralded the coming of Féile Dúthalla 2010 and Féile was officially launched in the finest of style at this lovely cosy and intimate venue. Traditional musicians & supporters travelled from far and near in wicked weather and gathered in great numbers to

launch and to celebrate the forthcoming Féile. Internationally renowned and acclaimed musicians Jackie Daly & Matt Cranitch were the feature act of the evening's performance and they were joined by singer songwriters Eugene Brosnan and Searlas Ó Bhriain,, tin whistler Adrian McCarron, local supergroup The Céilí Allstars and surprise guests, fiddle player Geraldine O Callaghan, accordionist Aidan Coffey & bodhrán player Colm Murphy. Several other performers including box player Timmy Connors, banjo player Adrian McAuliffe and poet and writer Dónal Ó Siodacháin were unable to attend due to the severe weather but sent their good wishes and were certainly there in spirit. A very attentive and exhilarated audience were entertained for well over three hours and some of the performing musicians remained on after the concert to play an impromptu session with some local young and not so young musicians and singers till the close of play.

The sellout concert box office receipts amounted to the sum of €1,060 including two donations of €20 each and Bob's Bar inhouse hamper raffle yielded €450 and was won by Frenchman Patrick Vicaire. Nos félicitations Patrick, fair play to you. Féile Dúthalla wishes to thank all those who performed on the night, all those who bought tickets, all those who travelled to support the fundraiser, Dan & Matina Dennehy and their staff for their support for the event. and all those who helped out on the night especially soundman Peter DJ Cal O'Callaghan. - ed -

FÉILE DÚTHALLA 2010 - THE STORY SO FAR

Donations - Sponsorship - Can You Help?

Féile Dúthalla 2010 has opened up an account (number) **10927T**

at **Kanturk Credit Union** to enable sponsors and supporters lodge much needed funds to help run the programme of events in Féile / Féile Weekends. Remember the dates **August 27th/30th and November 19th/22nd** for your diary. These are the weekends when the Féile proper will take place - a festival run over two weekends - the first in August and the second in November. Féile will also celebrate Ireland's **Heritage Week** (21st to 28th August nationwide) with a number of events in the planning and details of all events will be posted in full in a February (or later) edition of this newsletter and on the new website. A slow but steady stream of donations are coming in and many thanks to all those who have already contributed financially. Please note that all donations over €300 will be regarded as loans and paid back in full or pro rata should the Féile return a profit. A list of sponsors will be posted on the website in due course. Access to the site is at <http://web.me.com/timbrowne/FD2010>

Any businesses and/or clubs who would like to host events or include their own schedules in the Féile Programme are invited to get in contact as soon as possible. Advertisements are also available in this newsletter. Full details soon.

This newsletter is available via email. Please forward your address if you wish to join the Féile Dúthalla e-mailing list.

Féile Dúthalla 2010 is underway. Our next event takes place in Kanturk on February 3rd, a talk by Fr. Seán Ó Duinn. Organisation of the programme of events is also at advanced planning stage. However a number of details need to be ironed out and finalised before we can confirm and publish the full schedule of events. However what can be confirmed is that the Talks/Music Series (similar to that held during 2008) is in place and please refer to the events schedule on page 5. Our last Féile in 2008 culminated in a week long series of music sessions, talks, arts and photo exhibitions, ceilis, a gala concert, guided historical walking and bus tours, workshops etc., etc., This years Féile programme will be something similar. A Talks/Music series followed by two separate festival weekends. The August Féile will primarily focus on heritage and culture and a number of events to celebrate Irelands Heritage Week will be included.. There will also be some music sessions and other events hosted during that weekend.

The November weekend will include a packed schedule of music events both traditional and contemporary with a gala concert in the Glen Theatre being one of the highlights, a pub music trail throughout the area, a day of contemporary music featuring some of our best local singer songwriters including Eugene Brosnan, special guest - the ever popular Killarney bard Searlas Ó Bhriain - some local contemporary bands and several others. More details in the next issue of The Féile Bulletin. Please get in contact if you'd like to participate in any way.

Talks Series Commences February 3rd 2010.



The Feast Days of the Year in Celtic Culture

a talk by Fr. Seán Ó Duinn.

The opening talk in the series will be held in Bob's Upstairs Bar, Kanturk on Wednesday, February 3rd at 8.30pm. with Fr. Seán Ó Duinn, a Benedictine Priest from Glenstal Abbey, lecturer in Irish Mythology at the University of Limerick and author of several books including Where Three Streams Meet & The Rites of Brigid - Goddess and Saint (Columba Press). February 1st was the Feast of

Imbolg in the old Celtic year and it marked the beginning of Spring. It was Christianised eventually and adapted as the Feast of St. Brigid. A large variety of customs and traditions are still associated with the feast till this day and these and other feast day customs will be discussed by Seán Ó Duinn OSB in an open forum. Ta céad míle fáilte de gach duine agus tá an cead isteach saor. Please come & support this very worthy and interesting talk.



Ruan O'Donnell is the Head of the History Department of Limerick University. He is a well-known Irish writer and academic, and the official historian of The Robert Emmet Association. He has had several books on Irish Republican History published. Back by popular demand Ruan will give a talk on the United Irishmen.

Dónal Ó Siodacháin author, poet, & former Sinn Féin Ard Comhairle member will also give a talk -

Kingwilliamstown - Englands Last Irish Plantation later on in the series (July) as will **Jack Lane** of the Aubane Historical Society. Jacks topic will be **Famine or Holocaust - How many died?** (see page 5)

The Talks/Music Series in Féile Dúthalla 2008 proved to be very popular and sessions were well attended. Admission to the the Talks in the current series is free of charge and offer the community a great opportunity to meet, discuss and chat on several interesting topics.



**Hanna Sheehy Skeffington
Biographer to give Talk in
Kanturk Town Park on
Saturday, May 22nd at 15.00**

Margaret **W**ARD is the author of *Hanna Sheehy Skeffington: A Life* published in 1997 and is Director of the Women’s Resource and Development Agency, a regional organization for women established in 1983 and located in Belfast with a mission to ‘advance women’s equality and participation in society by working to bring about social, political and economic change for women’. She was previously assistant director with the think tank Democratic Dialogue. Her academic posts have included research fellow in history at Bath Spa University, lecturer of history at the University of the West of England and research fellow at the institute of Irish Studies, Queen’s University of Belfast. In the 1980’s she was Women’s Officer in the Community Services Department of Belfast City Council. She has lectured extensively on the role of women both in Irish history and in contemporary society. Dr. Ward’s publications include *Unmanageable Revolutionaries: Women and Irish Nationalism*; biographies of Maud Gonne and Hanna Sheehy Skeffington; an edited collection *In Their Own Voice: women and Irish nationalism*; and (with Louise Ryan) *Irish Women and nationalism: soldiers, new women and wicked hags* and *Irish Women and the Vote: Becoming Citizens*. The talk will take place (weather permitting) in close proximity to the Sheehy Skeffington Memorial in Kanturk Town Park. Please support this talk which will be followed by a session of traditional music and song.



**Féile Dúthalla 2010
Fundraiser Concert**

featuring
Jackie Daly & Matt Crannitch
with
The Céilí AllStars & Special Guests

Wednesday, December 30th 8.30pm
Tickets €10 – Booking Info & Donations 087 948 4169 or email debrunts@iol.ie

- followed by an open traditional music session in Bob’s Downstairs Bar from 10.30 – Féilte de gach aon duine

Bobs Upstairs Bar
Percival St., Kanturk, Co. Cork

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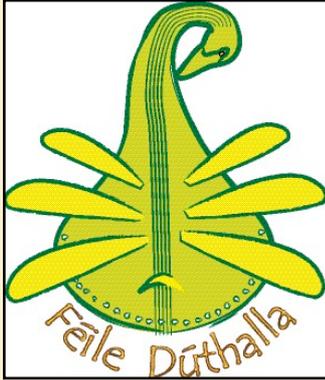


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Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir

Féile Dúthalla 2010 Talks/Music Series Schedule

Day Date/Time	Topic of Discussion	Guest Speaker(s)	Venue Address
Wednesday February 3rd 20.30	The Feast Days of the Year in Celtic Culture	Fr. Seán Ó Duinn (Glenstal Abbey)	Bob's Upstairs Bar Percival Street Kanturk, Co. Cork (029) 50877
Wednesday March 3rd 20.30	The United Irishmen <i>(Title/Talk to be confirmed)</i>	Dr. Ruan O'Donnell (University of Limerick)	Bob's Upstairs Bar Percival Street Kanturk, Co. Cork (029) 50877
Wednesday April 14th 20.30	The Brehon Laws <i>"there is no nation of people under the sun that doth love equal and indifferent justice better than the Irish...."</i>	Patricia Herron (University of Limerick)	Trades Union Hall, Strand Street, Kanturk, Co. Cork (087) 9484169
Saturday May 22nd 15.00	Hannah Sheehy Skeffington - A Life - <i>followed by a music session</i>	Margaret Ward Queen's University Belfast	Kanturk Town Park (weather permitting - otherwise indoors at Bob's Bar)
Wednesday June 16th 20.30	Kingwilliamstown - England's Last Irish Plantation -	Dónal Ó Siodacháin (Writer & Poet)	Trades Union Hall, Strand Street, Kanturk, Co. Cork (087) 9484169
Tuesday July 13th 20.30	The Pilgrimage to Blarney <i>(music event)</i>	Music, Story & Song from a troop of Duhallow Musicians & Special Guests	Johnny's Bar Blarney Castle Hotel, Blarney (021) 4385116
Wednesday August 4th 20.30	The Festival of Lúnasa	Fr. Seán Ó Duinn (Glenstal Abbey)	Trades Union Hall Strand Street, Kanturk, Co. Cork (087) 9484169
Friday August 27th 20.30	Famine or Holocaust How Many Died? <i>followed by a music session</i>	Jack Lane (Aubane Historical Society)	Bob's Upstairs Bar Percival Street Kanturk, Co. Cork (029) 50877
Saturday August 28th 19.00	Canon Sheehan - A Turbulent Priest - <i>followed by a music session</i>	Brendan Clifford (Aubane Historical Society)	Bob's Upstairs Bar Percival Street Kanturk, Co. Cork (029) 50877
Sunday August 29th 13.00	The Poetry of Gíofraith F. Ó Dálaigh & Clara Mountain Tour <i>followed by a music session</i>	Fr. Seán Tucker (Ballydaly)	Guided Bus Tour around Clara mountain & district (087) 9484169



Website Launch.....

A new and dedicated website is under construction and will be posted shortly. Full details of the website launch will be advised through the usual channels (via the e-mailing list and the next issue of this newsletter).

The Féile Crew

Féile Dúthalla 2010 wishes to extend a ceád míle fáilte to Patrick Casey and Martin O'Riordan both of whom have expressed their support for Féile and will be involved in the running of some of our events. Our current active team consists of the following people:-

*Tadhg de Brún - (Organiser/Administrator
& Benevolent Dictator)*

Adrian Kissane - (Logistics/Contemporary Music)

Jo Neale - (Gig Hospitality/Backup)

Kathleen Forde - (Gig Hospitality/Backup)

Peter O'Callaghan - (Soundman/Technician)

Martin O'Neill - (Logistics/Maintenance)

Mary Margaret Murphy - (Box Office/Backup)

Stan O'Sullivan - (Technical Advisor)

There are a number of other people who are actively involved in an advisory and supportive capacity. Anyone wishing to join the Féile Crew may do so by getting in contact with any of the above people or by making contact via any of the means listed here. Active participation and involvement is strongly encouraged and is the cornerstone to the success of the Féile in 2010. Your ideas & expertise are most welcome and your support is very much appreciated. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir. Tadhg de Brún - Editor

FD2010 Admin - Mí Eanáir 2010 -

Dates to Remember

February 3rd, 2010

Wednesday 8.30 Bob's Upstairs Bar, Kanturk opening session in Féile Talk Series with Fr. Seán Ó Duinn

March 3rd, 2010

Wednesday 8.30 Bob's Upstairs Bar, Kanturk second session in Féile Talk Series with Dr. Ruan O'Donnell (tbc)

August 27/30th, 2010

August Féile Weekend -

November 19/22nd 2010

November Féile Weekend -

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