



# A Boyle View

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## Bonfire night in Boyle

The age-old tradition of bonfire night was well and truly celebrated in Boyle on Wednesday night of last week.

Bonfires could be seen blazing well into the night on the eve of the feast of St. John, the traditional Irish midsum-

mer celebration. Young and not-so-young people gathered around a fire on the link road between Mockmoynne and Boyle river and enjoyed themselves well into the night.

Many members of the older genera-

tion will remember Annie and Dudley Sharkey Goatskin Band playing at local bonfires. The two were grandparents of Boyle Town Councillor Jane Suffin. For further pics of the bonfire night celebrations in Boyle, visit [realboyle.com](http://realboyle.com)



## Des reaches the summit

Boyle's Des McLoughlin reached the summit of Mount Blanc on Sunday last, spending about ten minutes on the top of the 30,000 metre mountain.

The summit was reached at 10.45 am, after a 5,000 metre climb, but due to very difficult weather conditions, including high winds, Des only remained at the top for ten minutes, before starting on the descent.

Monday's descent was also hazardous, with climbers negotiating a ridge about six inches wide, over a 300-metre drop. Any celebrations were deferred until Des returns to Boyle but he did thank all who supported his efforts, with funds raised going to Western Alzheimer's.

## Gift for Plunkett Home

On Friday last, members of Boyle & District Angling Club presented five digital TVs to the Plunkett Home. Funding for the TV sets came from the 5th June running of the Martin Mitchell Memorial Perpetual Cup Competition on Lough Key. The club is one of the most active in the area and regularly displays its commitment to the betterment of life for others in the area as well as to the town of Boyle.

## Library events

A number of interesting events for children will take place in Boyle Library in July. Gwen McNamara will present an afternoon of art, poetry and music, as part of the Percy French Summer programme on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. On Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, Danielle Allison will present interactive storytelling for children up to six years from 3 pm to 4 pm.

## Clean-up at Boyle River

Boyle River is running very low at the moment and has been looking terrible, with weeds, litter, stagnant pools and algae all too visible from the town-centre bridge.

On Friday evening last, a concerned group of locals spent time in Boyle River and in the space of an hour or so did themselves and the community proud with a huge clean up of the area. Well done to all concerned, including Boyle Chamber of Commerce, Boyle & District Angling Club, the Better Boyle Group and many 'floating' citizens.

Meanwhile, the Marian Shrine Committee had considerable works done at the shrine on Carrick Road. The

work included the removal of weeds, power hosing the entire site, painting pillars and installation of beautifully decorative, locally made railings. The steel railings were galvanised before painting them white, a process that will have the railing outlast all of the town's citizens.

The expense involved on works at the site was considerable, and leaves the committee in debt. Your contributions are requested so that all bills will be met.

Donations large and small will be welcome and should be made to Bank Sort Code 93.70.61, account number 52868048.



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## boyle notes

### ■ Car boot sale

A car boot sale will be held at Gleann Aobhinn Boyle (opposite Abbey Community College) on Friday the 2nd July from 10.30 am to 2 pm. Please come along and bag yourself a bargain.

### ■ Red carpet

Boyle Musical Society will host a Red Carpet Night in Mirek's Bar and Restaurant on Saturday 3rd July from 9 pm. The event will celebrate the Society's successes at the AIMS Awards

### ■ Family Play Day

A Multicultural Family Play Day will take place on Sunday the 4th July from 2 pm in Lough Key Forest Park, Boyle with the official opening by Roscommon County Council Mayor. Admission is free with activities including a Teddy Bears Hospital, Lough Key Activity Centre, Balloon Race, Hip-hop Dancing, Fun and Games, the Big Blue Playbus and face painting. Fundraising is in aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital. All welcome.

### ■ Reading shows

Reading Shows with Kids Party Club will take place at Boyle branch library on Thursday, July 8th from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm. It is aimed at children up to the age of ten years.

### ■ Imagination gym

Put your imagination through its paces at the Imagination Gym Workshop at Boyle branch library on Friday, July 9th. The workshop has up to 20 places for children aged six to ten and runs from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Another workshop for up to 15 children takes place from 2 pm to 3 pm and these children must be accompanied by an adult. For further information contact Boyle branch library.

### ■ Boyle Arts Festival Launch

The launch of the Boyle Arts Festival will see a performance of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* by the Chapter House Theatre Company. This performance will take place in the grounds of King House on Saturday 10th July at 7 pm, don't miss out on this special launch event. This and all other tickets for the Boyle Arts Festival are now on sale at Úna Bhán Tourism on (071) 96 63033. Boyle Arts Festival is now in its 21st year and has established a reputation for excellence earning it a place as one of the best festivals in Ireland each summer. The festival has been the winner of several national awards and we welcome new and innovative contributions. Events include a major art exhibition of works by contemporary Irish artists, classical and traditional music, poetry, drama, lectures and children's events.

### ■ Kids own

A Kids Own workshop for up to 15 children will take place at Boyle Branch Library on Tuesday, July 13th from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

### ■ Book making

A book making workshop for children will take place at Boyle Branch Library on Wednesday, July 14th from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

### ■ Lough Key marathon

On Monday, July 19th Finbarr Feely & Louise Fitzpatrick bring Marathon to Lough Key. You may have heard of two men Gerry Duffy and Ken Whitelaw who have set out to complete the epic challenge of running 32 Marathons in 32 Counties in 32 Days. Finbarr has known Gerry through the triathlon circuit, so when the subject of a venue to hold the Roscommon Marathon came up Lough Key was the obvious choice. Louise, manager of Lough Key Forest Park, as ever was very enthusiastic about the prospect of another major park event. A four lap route has been mapped out within the grounds of the park. It is not too late to sign up to this event. You have options to run, walk, skip or jump a full or half marathon. There are 30 people signed up to complete the run so far. Approximately 10 marshals are required so any help would be gratefully appreciated.

### ■ Jubilee

The Jubilee Celebration of Marriage took place in St. Josephs Church, Boyle on Sunday last 20th June with the Very Reverend Bishop Christopher Jones. The occasion was a great success and thank were extended this week from the Family Life Centre, Boyle to all the jubilarians and their families who attended.

### ■ Car boot sale

A car boot sale will take place at the Family Life Centre, Boyle, on Sunday, 11th July from 10 am to 2 pm.

### ■ Family life news

The Family Life Centre Boyle will be closed from Tuesday 3rd August to Friday, 6th August inclusive. The Autumn/Winter brochure will be available from the end of August.

### ■ Childsplay

The Childsplay parent and toddler group meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10 am to 12.30 pm during July and August at the Family Life Centre, Boyle and on Wednesday mornings from 10 am for men and their toddlers.