

Tree Tops in Coachman's Inn

The Tree Tops, a band that enjoyed great local success for many years and which reformed earlier this year will be the star attraction in The Coachmans Inn when they play appear there this Sunday night, 6th June. The Tree Tops line up as follows: Billy Garvan (Drums) PJ Naughton (Bass) Tommy Healy (Keyboards) Alan Neilan (Guitar) and Jimmy Towey (Lead Vocals). The band reformed at the end of last year and played their first comeback gig in Regans in The Square in early January. They have gone from strength to strength since and have been very busy in the past few months. So get along this Sunday night to the Coachman's Inn, Roscommon for a great night of music.



Castlerea Rose Fund-raising night

Wild West themed part night: Everyone loves a hoedown, so we are bringing in the straw bales, decking the tables with gingham and putting on our jeans and cowboy hats to prepare for a rootin' tootin' good time.

It all happens in The Stagger Inn Sunday June 6th. Live band followed by disco for only €10. Cash prizes for best cowboy and cowgirl on the night...

If you want to John Wayne, Billy the Kid or Annie Oakley then make your way to the hottest saloon in town this June Bank Holiday weekend.

Be there – or be square!

Sinead McDermott in concert in Tubbercurry

Fourmilehouse singer Sinead McDermott (right) will be joining James Kilbane as his very special guest for his upcoming concert at St. Bridget's Hall, Tubbercurry on Sunday 13th June at 8 pm. The concert is being staged to help fundraising efforts for the Tubbercurry Old Fair Day Festival taking place later in the summer. Contact Paul at (087) 9558441 or any of the Old Fair Day Festival committee.



First anniversary celebrations at JJ Harlow's

The first anniversary of JJ Harlow's, The Square, Roscommon, under new management, will be celebrated over the forthcoming Bank Holiday weekend.

There will be music on both Friday and Saturday nights, and all the family will be catered for on Sunday from 4 pm to 7 pm, when there will be music, a hot dog stand, face painting and lots more.

Ray Whelehan, who has operated the popular town centre venue for the past year, said, "We pride ourselves on being a sports bar with all matches catered for on the big screen. I also want to thank all our customers for their patronage through the past year."

Alan Gately Memorial Tournament

The Alan Gately Memorial Cup Hurling Tournament is to be held in Knockcroghery on Sunday the 13th of June. Matches will be played at 2 pm between Team A managed by Sean Melia and Team D managed by Tony Lyons, and at 3 pm between Team B managed by Vincent Pierse and Team C

managed by Micheal Cox.

The final will take place at 4.30 pm. M.C. for the day will be Kevin Rogers, and each match will last 40 minutes. If teams are level at full-time, then penalties will decide. All proceeds from the tournament are going to Crumlin Children's Hospital.

Alan Gately learned his first hurling skills in Ballymurray N.S., and as he progressed further along his hurling career, he played for St. Dominics at all age levels, and also donned the county jersey with distinction. After completing his masters in biomedical engineering at NUIG,

he travelled the world, experiencing more in his short life than many can only ever dream of. However he always enjoyed returning home and was a familiar face both on and off the pitch. This tournament is to honour his memory and his contribution to the club.



Bogtrotters' marathon for Strokestown in July

A marathon with a difference – the Bogtrotters' Marathon – will take place in Strokestown on July 24th.

Aimed at runners and walkers of all abilities, it includes a full, half and relay marathon and goes from Strokestown to Rooskey and back on the minor roads and bog tracks.

It starts in Strokestown Park House, home of the Famine Museum, at 9 am and finishes there when the last person comes home. The roads will be closed until 5 pm to ensure a comfortable environment for all participants. Although the first place prizes are designed to attract elite athletes, the relay option means that anyone who can run or walk 3.5 miles, which is the shortest distance, can participate. The other distances are 4, 5, 6 and 8 miles ap-

prox. Registration is online at www.thebogtrottersmarathon.ie and the fee includes a medal, t-shirt and refreshments.

Running and walking have taken off in popularity in the last two years and are seen as recession exercises, as all one needs to train is a good pair of runners. The route of the marathon is designed to showcase the beautiful bog landscape of east Co. Roscommon without people getting their feet mucky. It is generally flat or undulating but with a few sneaky hills!

The charity partner is Bóthar, who are livestock aid specialists, establishing families in micro-farming units by giving them the living gift of a farm animal. Fundraising forms can be obtained by emailing

events@bothar.ie. People can also choose to fundraise for their own charity of choice or for none at all.

Strokestown Community Development Association is helping to organise a weekend of events around the marathon in Strokestown and Rooskey, including a traditional music session on Friday night and the Bogtrotters Bash on Saturday night. Roscommon Sports Partnership is holding a Fun Run for children in the grounds of Strokestown Park to coincide with the marathon to encourage all to exercise. There will also be a bouncy castle and face-painting there on the day.

Anyone interested in getting involved or volunteering as a marshal on the day please contact the organisers at (087) 2538753.

Pictured left at the launch on 1st June in Strokestown Park were (left to right): Cllr Sean Beirne, Cllr Eugene Murphy, Paul Browne, Roscommon County Council, Nollaig Feeney, Roscommon County Council, Katriona Byrne, race director, Pat McCarrick, Bothar and Tony Dawson, Fáilte Ireland.

Community Games finals in Ballyleague

The Douglas Hyde Community Games athletics finals will be held in Ballyleague this Saturday 5th and Sunday, June 6th.

Douglas Hyde's 200m, 600m, 800m and 1500m athletes are asked to be in Ballyleague at 12 noon on Saturday. All other athletes are in action at 10 am on Sunday morning at the same venue.

Representing Douglas Hyde are the following: Girls U8 60m: K. Beirne, H. Heald. 80m: S. Timon. Boys U8 60m: R. Hester, L. Freeman. 80m: J. Lavin, M. Devine. Girls U10 100m: R. Lavin, C. Keigher. 200m: A. Flanagan, Theresa Devine. Boys U10 100m: Aaron Dowd, L. Hester. 200m: C. Kennedy, T. Drury. Girls U12 100m: M. McLoughlin, C. Leydon. 600m: L. Flanagan, S. Dowd. Boys U12 100m: D. Kennedy, D. Dwyer. 600m: Aidan Dowd, D. Farrell. Girls U13 Walk: Jane Devine, Z. Kerrane. Girls U14 100m: C. Dwyer, N. Heffernan. Boys U14 100m: S. Keigher, DJ Heffernan. 800m: Tommie Devine. 80m hurdles: John Devine. Girls U16 1500m: C. Heffernan.

If there are any athletes omitted from the list above and would be interested in making up a relay team (boys, girls or mixed) please phone Fintan Kennedy on (094) 9870932 or Michael Flanagan on 9870448.

Kilgefin Community Games

The County Athletics finals take place next Saturday 5th (starting at 12 noon) and Sunday 6th June (10 am) at St Faithleach's GAA grounds. All available athletes from Kilgefin Community Games are asked to participate in the parade on Saturday at 12.30 pm. If any adults are free to help mark the pitch on Friday 4th please come to St. Faithleach's at 6 pm.

The following athletes are eligible to represent Kilgefin in the finals: U8 60m Girls: Orla Irwin and

Niamh Flynn. Boys: Tyler Hanly and Aaron Shannon U8 80m Girls: Jodie Gibbons and Leanne Farrell. Boys: Lee Kilcoyne and Mark Cox. U10 100m Girls: Ellen Irwin. Boys: Ronan Banahan and Liam Ormsby. U10 200m Girls: Sarah Scally and Jennifer Brennan. U10 60m hurdles Girls: Jillian Banahan and Marie Kelly. Boys: Michael Dunne. U12 100m Girls: Larissa Noone and Amy Curley. Boys: Jason Nolan and Conor Rohan. U12 600m Girls: Sarah Hoare. Boys:

Eoin Farrell. U12 Cycling on grass Girls: Leona Hoare. Boys: Darragh Kelly U14 80m hurdles Girls: Jade Farrell and Kelly Murphy. U14 100m Girls: Rachel Banahan and Niamh Scally. Boys: Jack Irwin and Mark Gill.

U14 800m Girls: Rachel Costello. U14 Cycling on grass Girls: Hayley Fitzpatrick. Boys: Adam Farrell. Relay teams: U10 mixed. Jillian Banahan, Sarah Scally, Michael Dunne, Ronan Banahan and Ellen Irwin.

U12 Girls: Larissa Noone, Amy Curley, Sarah Hoare and Katie Browne. Boys: Jason Nolan, Conor Rohan, Luke Glennon and Eoin Farrell. U14 Girls: Rachel Banahan, Rachel Costello, Niamh Scally, Kelly Murphy and Jade Farrell. Boys: Jack Irwin, Mark Gill, Adam Farrell and Colm Mangan.

Saturday's events: Parade, all relays, heats and semi-finals of 200m, 600m and 800m. Sunday's events: All other events and finals of long distance races.