

# Gleeson's go global

Local restaurateurs and owners of Gleeson's Townhouse and Gleeson's Artisan Food and Wine Shop, Mary and Eamonn Gleeson, have recently been showcasing their business to people all over world, attending Brussels Holiday Fair and a 'Back in the USA' sales blitz organised by Tourism Ireland in Boston, New York and Chicago.

Brussels Holiday Fair is one of the largest holiday and travel shows in the Benelux region, attracting over 100,000 visitors each year, including leading travel media, tour operators, travel agents and business tourism buyers, as well as many thousands of potential holidaymakers looking for ideas and suggestions for their next short break or holiday destination.

Tourism Ireland has a comprehensive promotional programme in place in Belgium for 2010, particularly in the run-up to and during St Patrick's Day, capitalising on Ireland's heightened profile to showcase the uniqueness of a holiday here. A

number of campaigns are highlighting the great value on offer as well as compelling reasons to visit.

Gleeson's Townhouse & Restaurant also took part in a 'Back in the USA' sales blitz last week organised by Tourism Ireland, in Boston, New York and Chicago.

The busy schedule for the participating Irish tourism providers included an 'Experience a Flavor of Ireland' business-to-business event in each of the three cities, where they met with key American travel trade such as carriers, tour operators and travel agents, as well as influential travel media contacts.

The events provided an excellent opportunity for the participants to showcase their product to these important decision-makers and to encourage them to include the island of Ireland in their future holiday programmes. The group also engaged in a series of sales calls and worked with airline call centre teams, to enthuse them about the island of Ireland.



Serving up a slice of Roscommon at the Flavors of Ireland event in New York, organised by Tourism Ireland, are Karen Brennan and Mary Gleeson of Gleeson's Townhouse & Restaurant.

## Open Week - Enrolment at Abbey National School Circular Road, Roscommon



from Monday 8th to Friday  
12th March 2010  
10am to 2pm

Parents, friends and those wishing to enrol children for September 2010 are most welcome to come along.

For further information telephone The Principal, Teresa Hand-Campbell.  
(090) 66 25100

## roscommon town notes

### Parents' thanks

The Parent's Association in the CBS Roscommon would like to thank everyone who donated to the Church gate collection for the school. The sum of €2609.83 which was collected will go towards art facilities for the school. Special thanks to everyone who organised the collection in their area, and to the collectors who gave their time over the weekend.

### Recent deaths

Sincere sympathy is offered to the families of the following people who died recently: Bridie Lough, wife of the late Sean Lough, Clooncundra, Ballymurray; John Joe Flynn, Beechwood, Kiltewan; Margaret Comer, Dunmore, mother of Bridie Fitzmaurice, Quarry Springs; Paddy McHale, Ballinagard Road; Matthew Quirke, Creggs, father of Tommy Quirke, The Walk; Ann Macklin, Ardsalagh, formerly Four Roads.

### Novena

A novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held in the Sacred Heart Church from Monday 8th to Tuesday 16th March. Three sessions each day: 7.30 am, 10.30 am and 8 pm. Special events include Mass for Primary Schools Thursday 11th at 12 noon; Sacrament of Penance Friday 12th at 10.30 am and 8 pm (no evening Mass); Anointing of the sick and elderly on Saturday 13th at 12 noon and blessing of babies and small children on Sunday 14th at 3.30 pm. Novena cards with full details are being delivered to households in the Parish. Redemptorist Priests will speak at all masses next weekend. Everybody welcome.

### First Friday

Friday next, 5th March, is the first Friday of the month. Masses in the Sacred Heart Church at 8 am

and 8 pm on that day. Confessions will be heard in the Church before evening Mass from 7.30 to 8 pm.

### Knock Marriage Bureau

The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. If you are searching for a suitable partner, apply to Knock Bureau, Knock, Co. Mayo, Tel: (094) 937 5960 or visit their website at [www.knockmarriagebureau.com](http://www.knockmarriagebureau.com)

### First Saturday

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima will be held in the Sacred Heart Church before the 10.30 am Mass on Saturday, 6th March. All are welcome.

### Mixed crafts

A mixed crafts group meets in Vita House on Thursdays at 11 am.

### Dream About It!

Paul Gill, Hypno/Psychotherapist, Author and Broadcaster will give a dynamic introductory talk, at Vita House on Thursday 18th March, to help you explore the fascinating world of dreams! This once-off talk will serve as an introduction to a course on dreams, which will be offered in October.

### Time to grieve

A time to grieve is a support group where bereaved persons come together in a supportive environment. It takes place on Tuesdays at 8.30 pm. For information, please call Vita House confidentially on (090) 66 25898 or email [vitahouse@eircom.net](mailto:vitahouse@eircom.net).

### PTAA event

PTAA Rosary and heroic offering will be recited in the Church during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 5th March (7.30 to 8 pm). Applications for membership of the Pioneer Association will be taken after Mass in St. Coman's Club. Pioneer Council

Meeting will be held on Thursday evening 4th March in St. Coman's Club at 8 pm.

### Spring stations

Clergy in the Sacred Heart Church would welcome invitations from families to have station Masses in their homes over the next few weeks. They would especially like to have Masses in those areas where there haven't been Station Masses for some time. They would like to emphasise that a cup of tea and biscuit is all that is expected. To book a Station Mass, please contact Parish Office, phone 66 26298 or any of the Clergy. Thank you.

### Recent baptisms

April Emma McNulty-Cleary; Ben Donlon; Steven Gerrard Hoare and Scott Pus were recently welcomed into the Christian family at the Sacred Heart Church in Roscommon.

### Communion

The next session for all First Holy Communicants in the 'Do this in Memory of Me Programme' will be held on Sunday next, 7th March at 10.30 am Mass.

### Dance classes

Roscommon Arts Centre hosts weekly dance classes for the over 50s with Catherine Donnelly. Get your weekly exercise and have some fun at the same time. No experience necessary. Wednesdays 11 am—12 noon. Classes are just €5 per session. Participants welcome to stay afterwards for a cup of tea and a chat! More information at (090) 66 25824.

### Community allotments

A scheme of allotments is currently being established at the Girl Guides' Centre, Mote Park, Roscommon. If you are interested in taking an allotment under the

Scheme, please contact one of the following numbers: (087) 294 0544, (086) 876 2463 or (086) 839 4323.

### Enviro tip

When making tea or coffee, boil only the amount of water required, but make sure the heating elements of electric kettles are covered!

### Living with addiction

A Support Group for people who have family members or close friends with an addiction has been set up in the RWN office in Castlerea. If you would like to know more about this support group, please contact (094) 96 21690, text (086) 8099154 or email [info@rwn.ie](mailto:info@rwn.ie).

### Fairtrade

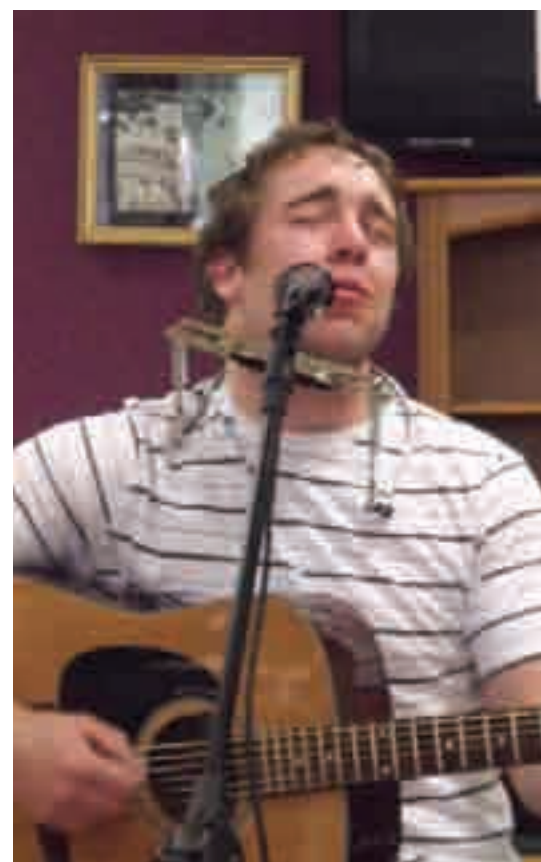
Roscommon Fairtrade Fortnight runs until 8th March. Products such as coffee, tea, bananas, cocoa, rice, sugar, juice and clothes are on sale around Roscommon and you can do your bit during the Lenten campaign for those less fortunate than us by making the switch to Fairtrade. Check out [fairtrade.ie](http://fairtrade.ie) and posters in local shops for more information.

### Healing Prayer

Are you suffering pain? Would you like prayer for healing? Are there impossible situations in your life? Hope Community will be holding a prayer clinic in Hannon's Hotel on Thursday 11th March. Phone (090) 64 89110 for a personal appointment to receive prayer for your situation. Prayer makes a difference.

### Girl guides

There will be a church gate collection next weekend in aid of local branch of Girl Guides. Your support would be very much appreciated.



David Fagan pictured in action at the recent fundraising event in the Melting Pot, Castle Court, Roscommon.

## Melting Pot event raises money for Haiti

Recent fundraising in the Melting Pot Café, Castle Court, Roscommon, has raised a total of €694.30 for victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

All the proceeds from the sales of the regular teas and coffees during the week were donated to the fund, totalling €€157.82. The value of the Melting Pot donations jar counted at 4 pm Saturday 20th Feb was €€541.50. There was no exact winner so prizes went to: Tim O'Herlihy for the closest lower guess and Lucy Colgan for the closest higher guess. The draw for the hamper was won by Caroline Dove who correctly guessed the bonus number in the main Lotto draw on the 20 February (4). The total funds raised during the week was €€694.30.

Organisers this week thanked staff and volunteers at the Melting Pot for donating the contents of their tip jar. Evelyn Healy sold three pieces from her photography exhibition with all the proceeds being donated to the fund. The week closed on Saturday with live music all day provided by David Fagan, Phil, Paddy O'Herlihy, Mary Munnelly, Ruadhan Mew and Jessie's Revenge. They were also thanked for donating their time and talents to providing the entertainment.