

roscommon town

Knitters unite at Roscommon Castle

Knitters from all across county Roscommon will meet at Roscommon Castle on Saturday, June 19th for 'Worldwide Knit in Public Day'.

The event is being organised by local knitting and craft enthusiast Michelle Fallon of michel-lemadethis.com. Michelle recently featured in a Nationwide programme about County Roscommon and helped organise the Wool Craft Village held in Roscommon as part of the recent Roscommon Lamb Festival.

She was also responsible for starting the Roscommon Knitting Group, 'The Cast Offs', which meets weekly in the Harrison Café in Roscommon.

She sparked the interest of the Nationwide researchers with her unusual story. After living and working in London as an IT trainer in law firms for 16 years, she returned to her native Ireland and converted her grandmother's cottage in Corbo, Killooskey, where she now keeps chickens and endeavours to make a living from her knitting and sewing.

Michelle will be running sewing workshops in June in Roscommon School of Art and her work has also featured in House and Home and Prudence magazines.

Knitting enthusiasts wishing to take part in the Worldwide Knit in Public Day will meet at Roscommon Castle on Saturday, 19th June at 11 am.



Developing a policy on substance use

Does your voluntary group or organisation need to develop a substance use policy? A short two-hour seminar on developing substance use policies will take place in Roscommon next week.

The National Drugs Strategy 2009-2016, as part of its focus on education and prevention, has identified a need to promote the development of substance use policies in a number of key areas. These include workplaces, sports, community and voluntary organisations, and also educational establishments.

Consequently, the Western Region Drugs Task Force would like to invite you to attend a short seminar on Substance Use Policy Development. The seminar aims to provide organisations with an introduction to the importance of having a substance use policy, the stages involved in policy development, and useful templates and resources.

The seminar takes place from 10 am to noon on Thursday, 17th June at The Quad Youth Centre, Circular Road, Roscommon. The seminar is free of charge but please contact Emmet Major on 087 6629953 to reserve a place.

Further funding for Convent NS

St. Mary's Convent National School in Roscommon is set to benefit from additional funding under the Temporary Accommodation Scheme, a fact welcomed this week by Senator Terry Leyden, right, Seanad Front Bench Spokesperson on European Affairs who said he looks forward to further investment in the school. It is understood that the Department of Education will be finalising the details of the funding and works in the near future.



Information morning

County Roscommon Disability Support Group will hold their monthly disability information morning on Friday, 11th of June between 11 am and 1 pm, in the Community Forum office next door to Molloy's Bakery in Abbeytown, Roscommon.

Information on disability rights, entitlements and benefits available. Do drop in, as no appointment is necessary. In the meantime if you have any queries you may contact Chris on (090) 66 25852.

Successful fundraiser for the Melting Pot

A successful fundraiser for The Melting Pot was recently held in the Coachman's Inn.

The evening's entertainment was provided by The Urges who were supported by local band Solarus. Solarus started the evening by giving the audience a taste of their own material as well as a few classic rock covers. The Urges brought their own creative talents to bear with a set which consisted of their own take on 60's psychedelia. The evening was met with a very favourable response with those in attendance leaving having had a great night.

The Melting Pot this week extended thanks to The Urges for travelling from Dublin and adding their talents to the mix and also thanked Solarus who worked hard in preparation for this event whose efforts were well received. The Melting Pot also thanked local business who lent their support to the event by donating their services, equipment and spot prizes: Molloy's off licence, Hynes Butchers, Tattie Hoaker, Harrison Coffee Shop, Jackson's Restaurant, Time Pieces, Angie's Attic, Supervalu, Tesco, Ward's Hardware, Finishing Touches, Roscommon Art Centre, Roscommon Signs and the Christian Brothers School. Special thanks to David Molloy and Declan Hynes for providing window space for event promotion.

Raffle prize winners were Andrew Hanley, Caroline Corcoran, Sorcha Floyd, Lora O'Brian, Marie Loftus and Elizabeth O'Rourke. The Dogs B*ll*x and the Melting Pot are bringing down The Mosquitoes for their next fundraising event. The Mosquitoes are a Rock-a-Billy band also hailing from Dublin. Check out The Melting Pot Events facebook page for all Melting Pot event and services details.

roscommon town notes

Recent deaths

Sincere sympathy is offered to the families of the following people who died recently: Mrs. Joan Hourigan, Athleague; Mrs. Nan Neilan, Mullymox; John Francis Daly, Arigna, father of Sean Daly, Ballymurray; Mrs. Nuala Kiernan, Cheshire, England, formerly of Drumshanbo. We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends.

Exam time

Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations got underway in local secondary schools on Wednesday last.

Certificate in Psychology

A Certificate in Psychology course will run from September 2010 to May 2011, at Vita House, Abbey Street, Roscommon, accredited by NUI, Maynooth, level 7. This course aims to enhance self-understanding and to gain an insight into the many perspectives on social behaviour in the family and in the professional workplace. Contact Vita House for further information on (090) 66 25898 or email vitahouse@eircom.net.

Counselling

A variety of counselling services is available each day in Vita House by appointment. Mediation is a service to help separating and separated couples deal with difficult issues and reach a workable agreement and is available by appointment at Vita House. For information or to book for any of the above, please call Vita

House on (090) 66 25898 or email vitahouse@eircom.net.

Calling grandparents

The National Catholic Grandparents Association would be grateful if all who have filled in forms to be members of the National Catholic Grandparents Association would return them as soon as possible by leaving them in the box in the sanctuary.

Cemetery Sunday

The annual Cemetery Sunday Mass will be held in St. Coman's Cemetery on Sunday 25th July at 7 pm. We encourage all to take this opportunity to clean graves and vacant plots.

Singing school

Summer Singing School is now enrolling at the Arts Centre, Roscommon. Learn to sing as part of a group in harmony and solo and receive specialised singing lessons catering for your individual voice. Age 10+. Young people from first, second and third level welcome. Monday 5th to Friday 9th July, 10 am to 4 pm daily. Cost €120. Call Arts Centre on (090) 66 25824; email artscentre@roscommoncoco.ie

Recent baptisms

Fionn Luca Keegan and Isobel O'Connor-Lennon were recently welcomed into the Christian family at the Sacred Heart Church in Roscommon.

Science Mania

A Science Mania summer camp will take place in Abbey NS from August 9th to 12th for children aged five to 12 (children must have completed 1 full year in primary school). Programme: Crazy Chemistry: Water Wonder: Microbe Magic and Rocket Science. Cost €55 per child (ten percent discount for siblings). Book on line at www.sciencemaniamania.ie or by calling Nance on (086) 205 2403.

Tidy Towns

Judging for the National Tidy Towns' Competition continues to end of August. Weekly Clean Up every Tuesday at 7 pm!

Everyone is invited to join the group for an hour. Gloves/bags/litter pickers provided.

Morning courses

Application and information available on morning courses in Coláiste Mhuire, Ballygar in Computers level 5 and level 6 and Special Needs Assistant level 5, for adults wishing to enrol for September 2010. No fees, maintenance grants may apply. FETAC Certification, mornings only. Enrolment and information morning on Friday, 18th June 2010, at Coláiste Mhuire, Ballygar at 10.30 am to 12 pm. Contact: Mr Stephen Reilly, Principal: (090) 66 24740.



Scoil Mhuire received its 6th green flag and first green homes flag on Wednesday last in Croke Park where awards were presented by An Taisce. Green School's co-ordinator Olivia Ward was accompanied by Green School's committee members Louise McConn and Michelle Hanley and class teacher Patricia Morris. This has been a hugely successful initiative as the green ethos promoted in schools is transferred into homes with the help of parents and children who bring important messages home regarding care of the environment. Suzanne Dempsey of Roscommon County Council's Environmental Section has been a wonderful mentor to the school in helping them achieve this special award. A special event to raise the new flags will be held in the near future.