

# roscommon town

## Call for entries for Roscommon Easter Parade

The countdown has begun to the annual Easter Parade in Roscommon Town and the organising committee is now calling on all schools, community groups, voluntary committees, sports organisations and businesses to get their entries in for this year's parade as soon as possible.

Last year's parade was a huge success and proved to be a real

community event and the parade committee are hoping that this year will be an even bigger and more spectacular affair. The parade provides businesses with a unique opportunity to showcase their products and talents while contributing to a significant annual social event in the town. Entry for community and voluntary groups, sports clubs and

schools is free and all are being called upon to enter floats and to use the parade to advertise and celebrate their particular organisation and its achievements.

Entries for all categories, including the Best Shop Window Display, are now being accepted. The committee is appealing to all those who have participated in the past to do so again on

Sunday, April 4th, and for those who have not been part of this very enjoyable annual event in Roscommon Town to come on board and make it one of the most colourful and memorable one yet. For entry submission or further information contact (086) 8495751 or email [roscommoneasterparade@gmail.com](mailto:roscommoneasterparade@gmail.com)



Crafty Calendars took first prize at the recent Enterprise Awards at CBS Roscommon. Back row (left to right): Mary Mullins, Anne Browne, Peter Wrafter, Seamus Heneghan, teacher pictured with students Matthew Whyte and Oliver Hannon.

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#### Treat for mothers

'The Classical Connection' evening recital at 7 pm in St. Coman's Church of Ireland, Roscommon will be held on Sunday 14th March. Music for Harp and Organ by the famous Irish Harpist, Turlough O'Carolan and music from his contemporaries in continental Europe, performed by Sean Hanily (Organ) and Clare O'Neill (Harp). This is a fundraiser for Scoil Mhuire Convent Primary School, Roscommon. Admission €10.

#### Vote Olwyn

Olwyn Murray, who has Roscommon connections, is seeking votes in the All-Ireland Talent Show screened on RTE 1, this Sunday night 7th March at 6:30 pm. We wish her well!

#### Coffee morning

A coffee morning will be held at Roscommon Golf Club on Friday morning 12th March, from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Go along and enjoy fresh scones, tea or coffee and a chat with friends. All proceeds going to Irish Cancer Society, Daffodil Day, 2010. Looking forward to your support.

#### Recent deaths

Sincere sympathy is extended to the families of the following people who died recently: Freddie Wright, who died in Nottingham, England, formerly of 14, Henry

Street; James Lynch, Cahir, Co. Tipperary, brother of Tom Lynch, The Walk; Nora Giblin, Seattle, USA sister of Winifred Giblin; Frances Hennigan, Athleague; Cathal Farrell, Ballyleague, 8 pm, father of Dr. Noel Farrell, Athlone Road.

#### Adorer required

A permanent adorer is required for Blessed Sacrament Chapel to cover hour from 5 am to 6 a.m. Saturday morning. If you think you can help, please phone Parish Office at (090) 66 26298 or contact any of the clergy.

#### In your dreams

Paul Gill, hypnotherapist and psychotherapist, author and broadcaster will deliver a dynamic introductory talk on Thursday, 18th March, 8 pm, to help you explore the fascinating world of dreams! This once-off talk at Vita House will serve as an introduction to a course on dreams, which will be offered in October.

#### Mediation Service

A family mediation service to help separated couples deal with difficult issues and reach a workable agreement, is available by appointment at Vita House. For information call Vita House confidentially on (090) 66 25898 or email [vitahouse@eircom.net](mailto:vitahouse@eircom.net).

#### Priesthood

A series of discussions on

priesthood led by presenters will take place in The Abbey Hotel, Roscommon on March 18th and 24th from 4 pm to 5.45 pm or 7.30 to 9.15 pm. Representatives of all Church groups and Parish Pastoral Councils are encouraged to participate.

#### Recent baptism

Joaõ Luis Ferreira Silva was recently welcomed into the Christian family at the Sacred Heart Church.

#### Volunteers needed

Accord Roscommon are urgently appealing for both men and women to volunteer to become Pre-Marriage Facilitators. Full training will be provided. Information and details available from Accord, St. Coman's Club, Abbey Street. Telephone (090) 66 26619 (Office hours Monday to Thursday 10 am to 1 pm) or download application from ACCORD website at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or email [rosaccord@eircom.net](mailto:rosaccord@eircom.net)

#### Hearty thanks

The Irish Heart Foundation wishes to thank all who contributed to their recent church gate collection and a special thanks to all the collectors who helped out on the weekend. A total of €1,656 was raised.

#### Climate tip

The washing cycle selected on a washing machine should have the lowest water temperature

required for the items being washed. A full load of washing is more energy efficient than two half loads. Use a cold rinse for your clothes. See [www.sei.ie](http://www.sei.ie)

#### Parade

As part of the celebrations in Ballintubber on St. Patrick's Day, Wed. 17th March, a Parade will be held at 1 pm., followed by a mini Céili in the Old School House 5 to 7 pm.

### Free event

Everyone is welcome to Foxe's pub on Tuesday 16th March from 8 pm to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge. There will be a fun mini-quiz followed by a traditional music session with John Wynne, Ian Thistlewaite, Seán Ó Braonán agus a cáirde. The evening is being organised by the Parents' Association at Gaelscoil de hÍde, Ros Comáin and admission is free to all.

### Internet classes

The Melting Pot cafe, Castle Court, Roscommon is now offering free beginners internet classes on Fridays from 11 am to 1 pm.

The classes are open to anyone to drop-in, computers are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Tuition will be given in basic internet use email, on-line shopping, researching information and Facebook etc. All computers are wheelchair accessible.

### Melting Pot short-listed for ability award

The Melting Pot in Roscommon town, which is a unique partnership of local development agencies, voluntary sector support services and the HSE, has been selected as an Ability company and shortlisted for an O2 Ability Award, which recognises organisations that champion the ability and value of employees and customers with a disability.

Disability organisation, Kanchi and Telefonica O2 Ireland announced that 38 organisations have been shortlisted from over 100 organisations to participate in this year's Awards programme. The Awards will be held in Dublin on 12 May, where overall winners will be announced.

Music by Karen Ferrick. Ceol agus craic. Entertainment for all!

#### Women's network

A Support Group for people who have family members or close friends with

an addiction has been set up in the RWN office in Castlereagh. Please contact (094) 96 21690, text (086) 809 9154 or email [info@rwn.ie](mailto:info@rwn.ie) if you would like to know more about this Support Group.



Roscommon Town native, Maura Quinn, Chief Executive of the Institute of Directors in Ireland (IoD) with the British Ambassador to Ireland at the IoD annual Spring Lunch held in the Four Seasons Hotel in Dublin last weekend. Speaking at the Institute of Directors in Ireland Spring Lunch, British Ambassador to Ireland, Julian King, called for co-operation between Ireland and the UK to help overcome the challenges ahead. He commented on the need for both governments to work together so as to yield benefits for both economies, particularly in the area of trade and foreign direct investment. Pictured is Ann Riordan, IoD Ireland President, Julian King, British Ambassador to Ireland and Roscommon local, Maura Quinn, IoD Ireland Chief Executive.