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Tidy Towns clean-up

Clean up for the Tidy Town Competition continues in Roscommon with the group meeting at 7 pm at the Boyle Road on Tuesday night, 20th July. Gloves, bags and litter pickers provided.

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Friends of Ronan motorcycle spin

A motorcycle spin in aid of the Friends of Ronan will take place on Saturday 24th July.

Friends of Ronan is a group set up to support research into Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a muscle-wasting condition which Fourmilehouse teenager Ronan Gavigan has.

Also on Saturday, 24th July, the Bogtrotters Bash will be held in the Percy French Hotel, Strokestown with music by Dave and Blue Tax and an auction will be held this Saturday night in Devine's of Clasha-ganny, with proceeds to the Friends of Ronan. Items for sale will include hay, turf, car accessories and much more.

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Date set for Roscommon Show

A reminder that Roscommon Agricultural Show will be taking place this year on Saturday August 21st at Hannon's Grounds Athlone Road. The show will be launched at a later date. There will be usual classes in horses, sheep, and cattle, garden produce, arts and crafts, pets etc. So keep that weekend free! More details to follow in coming weeks.

BELOW: Happy faces of the children taking part in 'Imagination gym' with Rosaleen Durkin at Roscommon Library, one of the many events hosted by Roscommon County Council Library Services during the month of July. Pic: Glynn's Photography.



Percy French Summer School now underway

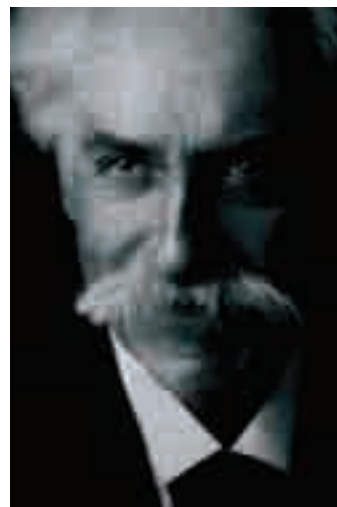
The second annual Percy French Summer School is currently underway, having been launched last evening (Wednesday) by Mayor of Roscommon, Cllr. Luke 'Ming' Flanagan.

Cllr. Flanagan performed the official opening at a function in Roscommon County Library. Guests at the launch also heard an opening address from Richie Farrell and an illustrated talk entitled 'Percy French in Ireland 1957 to today' and this was followed by a medley of Percy French Songs by Roscommon Drama Group.

Today's events include lectures and a lunchtime concert in Castlecoote House, while there will be an afternoon session of art, poetry and music for children aged six to ten in Roscommon County Library.

Ballaghaderreen Library and Boyle Library host the same event for children on Friday 16th and Tuesday 20th respectively. The County Library in Abbeytown, Roscommon, is the venue for a lecture entitled 'Vernacular Archi-

ecture of County Roscommon', by Barry O'Reilly, National Inventory of Architectural Heritage Section,



Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

A wide range of events is also taking place at Castlecoote House.

Events on Thursday include lectures by Dr. Caitriona Clear and Dr. John Scally, and a lunchtime concert with Brian Munn and Teresa O'Donnell. Friday sees an illustrated talk on Percy French's paintings and a lecture on Thomas Moore and Percy French by Dr. Mary O'Donnell. Friday evening will feature 'An evening of wit and French Polish' with Ann O'Dea, Siobhan Doyle and Jimmy Dixon.

Saturday's line-up includes a lecture entitled 'Above the Briar Line' with Brian Leyden and a lecture on the words and music of Percy French by Bernard MacLavery. Berrie O'Neill from the Percy French Society of North Down will outline his experience and perspectives from his journey with Percy French. Saturday concludes with a concert entitled 'Moore and French The Entertainers: A Celestial Meeting of the Minds and Music of Thomas Moore and Percy French'. Sunday sees a commemorative service followed by the opening of the gardens.