

Family picnic day in Donamon

The 14th annual family picnic day in Donamon is fast approaching and takes place on Sunday, July 25th in the glorious surroundings of Donamon Castle.

It's a free, family event, with free admission and free parking and you can bring along your own barbecue and enjoy the music, children's entertainment and much more.

The annual open family picnic day gets underway with Mass at 12.30 pm. All afternoon there will be lots of entertainment for the children, including bouncing castles, face painting, pony rides, book stall, tours of the castle. Watch out for clowns, balloon artists, cartoon characters and a caricaturist on the day. A stall selling new and second hand books and CDs will also be available and if you have books or CDs to donate to this stand they can be dropped in any day to Donamon Castle. Potted plants will also be available to buy on the day and this stall has proved popular with picnic goers in recent years.

Castlereagh Brass Band will entertain picnic day guests from 1.30 pm to 2.15 pm. Then Patsy McCaul takes to the stage from 2.20 pm to 3.30 pm. The annual auction takes place from 3.30 pm to 3.50 pm, with Cllr. Dominick Connolly as auctioneer. After the auction, the New Avengers will take to the stage and the last band to take to the stage is The Conquerors, who come on stage at 5 pm and play until 6.20 pm, before the grand draw at 6.30 pm. MC for

the day once again is Danny Burke from Castlelea.

Many families choose to bring along a barbecue on the day, but there will also be a tea tent, selling soft drinks, ice cream and sweets.

The superb free event for families is made possible by the work of lots of local volunteers. From volunteers manning the tea tent and book stall, to the parking stewards and committee members, it's certainly a community affair. Thanks were also extended to members of the Civil Defence, Roscommon County Council, Gardaí, Rural Social Scheme participants, Roscommon Integrated Development Company and the many volunteers from the surrounding parishes.

Funds raised from the event go to Divine Word Missionaries, and are used both for the ongoing work on the Castle and Divine Word Missionary work all across the globe. Significant funds have also been donated to local projects such as the purchase of defibrillators. Funds are raised through the selling of tickets for a grand draw, with a top prize of €1,000. Tickets will be available on Sunday, 25th and the draw takes place at 6.30 pm.

So, it's time to take out the barbecue, the picnic blanket and the garden chairs and make sure you're prepared for the 14th annual Open Family Picnic Day in Donamon on Sunday 25th July. See you there!



Annual Open Family Picnic Day at Donamon Castle, Co. Roscommon Sunday 25th July, 2010

In aid of Divine Word Missionaries
Starting with Mass at 12.30pm



MUSIC BY:

The Conquerors, Patsy McCaul, The New Avengers, Castlereagh Brass Band

COME AND JOIN THE FUN

Pony Rides, Face-Painting, Bouncy Castles, Book Stall and much more.

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