

Launch of SiarSceal

Mayor of Roscommon Tony Ward will formally launch SiarSceal Festival 2010 in the County Library, Abbey Street, Roscommon, on Saturday, 20th March at 10.45 am. The festival will feature an exciting programme for writers and poets in the region.

Nuala Ni Chonchuir, bilingual poet, novelist, and adjudicator of the 'Hanna Greally Poetry Awards' will announce the winners from this category of writers, and read from a selection of her work, as will novelist, historian and playwright Michael Mullen adjudicator of the memoir/short story entries.

The SiarSceal exhibition, the theme of which is 'painting words', will include work from local

groups and schools and will be on show in the library until April. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The Shannon Cruise with Don Baker will take place on Moon River cruiser, on Easter Sunday, April 4th boarding at 4.10 pm. Enjoy the river experience with the world's greatest harmonica player. Don will be singing and playing from his albums, including his new CD 'Rain on the wind'. Tickets for the Don Baker Cruise are on sale through Ticketmaster and Mulvey's, Carrick on Shannon and Eight 'til Late, The Square, Roscommon. Further details on www.siarisceal.com or (087) 9876257.

Free electrical recycling day

WEEE Ireland will be holding a free electrical recycling day in Roscommon Town and Strokestown this Saturday.

Householders can bring their electrical and electronic waste and batteries to the Tesco car park in Roscommon Town and Bawn Street, Strokestown from 10 am to 4 pm this Saturday 20th March. A free electrical reusable shopping bag will be given out to every car.

WEEE stands for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, which is anything from your house with a plug or a battery. This may include large household appliances like fridges and washing machines, but also smaller equipment like toasters, electric toothbrushes and children's toys. The responsible management of this waste is of utmost importance, as many of these items contain substances that may pose a threat to the environment and human health if placed in your black or green bin or dumped illegally.

It's not just your electrical waste that can be recycled for free, your batteries can be recycled free of charge also. Unlike WEEE, you don't need to purchase anything in order to leave your waste batteries in your local shop. Simply look out for the blue WEEE Ireland battery boxes in your nearest battery retailer, and recycle your batteries free of charge.

Ireland's boxing hero Katie Taylor was on hand to launch WEEE Ireland's "my household battery recycling box" on Monday, aimed at encouraging battery recycling in the home and workplace. These boxes will be made available



Box clever with WEEE Ireland's My Battery Recycling Box. Pictured in the Blue corner at The National Stadium of Ireland aiming for a knockout number of batteries for recycling is Irish boxing hero Katie Taylor.

free of charge through participating battery retailers. For more information on WEEE and battery recycling, log on to www.recyclefree.ie

WEEE Ireland is the Irish compliance scheme for electrical and battery recycling and is responsible for the collection and treatment of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment and batteries from collection points throughout the country. As a

consumer of electrical items, you are entitled to bring back your waste electrical equipment to your electrical retailer when purchasing an item of similar type, i.e. on a one-for-one, like-for-like basis. If you have no intention of replacing a broken or unwanted electrical item, you can bring it back to your local recycling centre free of charge – visit www.recyclefree.ie to find your nearest recycling centre.

Strokestown Parent and Toddler Group

Strokestown Parent and Toddler Group (Tumbling Tots) will recommence their weekly meetings in a new venue, The Hub (Youth Work Ireland Premises) on Church Street, Strokestown, this Thursday 18th March from 9.45 am to 11.30 am. All parents and guardians of pre school children and babies are most welcome.

There will be an opportunity for the children to play together and for the parents or guardians to meet and chat over a cuppa.

A plan of activities is being prepared for the next two months. Further information from Mary at (087) 2767780 or Ann at (087) 2797600.

The Irish compliance scheme for electrical and battery recycling

FREE ELECTRICAL RECYCLING DAY

Tesco Car Park, Roscommon Town
Bawn Street, Strokestown

Saturday 20th March 2010 10am to 4pm

We'll accept: any household item with a plug or a battery

Video Players
Game consoles
Microwaves
IT Equipment

Dishwashers
Power Tools
Battery Operated Toys
All Batteries

Kettles
TVs
Fluorescent tubes
and many more...



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Maureen Owens Memorial darts tournament

The 10th Maureen Owens Memorial Darts Tournament will be held in Drumkeerin Community Centre, Co. Leitrim on Easter Sunday, April 4th, with a prize fund of €1,400 on offer.

There are three categories, open with €800 prizemoney, ladies with €400 prize money and youths with €200 prize money. The entry fee is €20, €10 and €5. Check in on the day is from 4 pm to 5 pm with the tournament starting at 5.30 pm. Bar facilities will be available and a coffee shop will be open for refreshments and proceeds from the tournament will go to North West Hospice, The Mall, Sligo. For further enquiries contact Thomas McHugh (086) 6016018 or Brendan Christy (087) 2393261.

Gaelscoil phone appeal

Please continue to send any old or broken mobile phones into Gaelscoil de hÍde before the Easter holidays! Go raibh maith agaibh.

Twelve on trolleys

Eleven patients were accommodated on trolleys on Thursday, 11th March and 12 on Friday, 12th March at Roscommon County Hospital. On Thursday there was one patient on a trolley at Portunula Hospital, Ballinasloe and 13 in University College Hospital, Galway.

On Friday last, 18 patients were accommodated on trolleys in University College Hospital, Galway.

ARE YOU A VICTIM OR DO YOU KNOW A VICTIM OF RESIDENTIAL ABUSE IN IRELAND WHO HAS NOT MADE AN APPLICATION TO THE REDRESS BOARD?

The closing date for Applications was the 15th December, 2005 however under Section 8 of the Residential Institutions Redress Act you may be entitled to bring a **LATE APPLICATION**, if you have not already made an application.

Any person (Male/Female) or spouse/children of a deceased person, who suffered abuse or ill treatment in the Republic of Ireland while resident in an Industrial School, Reformatory, Orphanage, Childrens Hospital, Childrens Homes may be entitled to an Award under the Redress Scheme.

For Further Information contact:

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Trees removed to make way for roundabout

Cllr. Paula McNamara this week expressed disappointment that some trees have had to be removed on the Circular Road to make way for a roundabout at the Mart.

However, Cllr. McNamara has been assured by a senior engineer that they will be replaced with better trees when the road works are complete, hopefully in the Autumn.

