



Easter parade appeal

This week the Roscommon Town Easter Parade Committee are making a final call for entries for this year's event.

As always, the parade is set to be full of colour and fun when it gets underway on Sunday April 4th at 1 pm. Again, cash prizes will be on offer with a top prize of €150 being awarded to for the "Most Entertaining" float on the day. Categories include Best Voluntary, Best Commercial, Best Shop Window Display

and Most Entertaining.

Numerous floats have already been entered with a strong mix of community and commercial sectors being represented. The Easter Parade will follow its traditional route – mobile floats will line up on the Galway Road (on the far side of the railway bridge) and walking floats will start from Abbeytown. The parade itself gets underway at 1 o'clock, just after last Mass, making its way down Abbey Street,

then on into Church Street and up Main Street to the reviewing stand, which will be situated just in front of the Bank of Ireland.

Floats will then move down past The Square area and on into Castle Street concluding at Rockford's where there is ample parking if required. Remember it's not too late to enter a float - if you'd like to get involved just call (086) 8495751 or email roscommoneasterparade@gmail.com by Good Friday at 5 pm.

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Recent deaths

Sincere sympathy is extended to the families of the following people, who died recently: Anna Fry, 16, Sliabh Bán View, Upper Walk; Michael Donoghue, The Walk.

Adorer wanted

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

Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from September 23rd to 30th, costing €754 plus €25 insurance (optional). To book a place, contact Fr. Eamon O'Connor on (043) 66 26020, Monsignor Travers (090) 66 28917 or Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, 2. Phone: 01 241 0822.

Book Club

A book club is ongoing at Vita House, Abbey Street, Roscommon. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 30th March at 11 am.

Meditation

Weekly Meditation takes place at Vita House, Abbey Street, Roscommon, every Thursday from 1.30 pm to 2 pm.

Manage your money

'Managing your money in challenging times' is the title of a talk that will be presented by the Money Advice and Budgeting Service at Vita House, Abbey Street, Roscommon, on Thursday, 25th March at 8 pm. The current recession in one way or another affects most families. Financial difficulties can affect everyone from high-income earners to people on a low income. This

talk will give information on how you can take control and stay in control of your money. For information call Vita House on (090) 66 25898 or email vitahouse@eircom.net.

Daffodil appeal

Friday 26th March is Daffodil Day. Volunteers and local organisers in Roscommon Town are appealing to the public to donate fresh daffodils again this year. Volunteers will be available to receive daffodils on Thursday, 25th March at the Depot in Main Street (the unit adjoining Vodafone Office, beside Jackson's Restaurant) from 10 am to 6 pm, or you can call Eilish on (090) 66 26616 or (087) 636 2264. Volunteers needed to join for street selling on the 26th March. Please contact Anne on (087) 986 4390, Catherine (086) 2518515 or Mary (086) 3217951 with your available time as a rota is being prepared.

Passion Play

Fr. Raymond Browne in Four-milehouse, is organising a five-day trip to Bavaria from 26th September which includes a visit to the world famous Passion Play at Oberammergau. Full programme of excursions and tours. Flights from Dublin to Munich. Cost €975. Information and application forms from Fr. Browne. Phone 090 66 29518.

Residents' AGM

Lisnamult Residents' Association Ltd AGM will be held on Thursday 25th March at 6 pm in Lisnamult Community Centre. All welcome.

Tea day

The annual tea day for Western Alzheimer's Organisation takes place on Friday 9th April. The organisation is appealing for people to hold a Tea Day in their community,

their own homes or places of work. In this way, you can help carers in your community and their relatives suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. If you would like to hold a Tea Day, please contact Roscommon Office on (090) 66 27816 open Monday to Friday from 9.30 am to 5 pm.

Psychology service

Are you an adult experiencing problems with relationships,

stress, etc. feeling down or anxious? Call to drop-in service for free and confidential support from Tuesday to Thursday 1 pm to 4 pm. This walk-in service is located in the Psychology Dept., Abbey St. (beside Social Services Office).

The Roscommon Psychology Service is also looking for people to share their experiences of depression. These stories will be used as part of a programme to promote posi-

tive mental health. Contact Martina for details on (090) 66 27091 or email martina.hughes@hse.ie if you would like to be involved or would like further information on any of their services.

Thank you

Irish Girl Guides wish to thank you for your generosity at their recent Church Gate Collection and a special thanks to all collectors who helped. A total of

€1,600 was raised.

Women at work

Have you thought about using your own skills and talents to create opportunities to earn your own money, while meeting new people and having the craic at the same time? Help RosWIN to set up a rural group of like-minded women. For further information, phone Deirdre at (086) 049 0935 or (087) 638 7519.

Poker classic for Easter Parade

A fundraising Poker Classic in aid of the Roscommon Easter Parade will be held in Regan's, Roscommon on Thursday April 1st starting at 9 pm. The parade annually costs in the region of €6,000 to stage and it is hoped a big turnout will help defray some of those costs and ensure that the parade remains both viable and vibrant. Tickets are €20 and are available from Regan's, The Square or from committee members. All support greatly appreciated.

Donor Awareness Week launch in Roscommon

The Roscommon Branch of the Irish Kidney Association will launch their annual Donor Awareness Week on Saturday, March 27th in Gleeson's Roscommon, at 11 am.

This year Donor Week will be officially launched by Fergal O'Donnell, Manager of the Roscommon senior football team. Go along and join in the celebrations to mark the launch. For further information, contact Monica Finn at (086) 1556608.

SPCA thanks

Roscommon SPCA this week offered sincere thanks to the staff of ESB Networks who acted so quickly and kindly to help them with a recent cat rescue in Roscommon town. "If it wasn't for the prompt arrival of the ESB team, the cat may not have survived her ordeal. She is now safe and happy with one of our foster carers. Thanks again to all involved with the rescue!"



Eco Friendly paper briquettes took a special prize at the recent Enterprise Awards at CBS Roscommon. Back row (left to right): Anne Browne, Seamus Heneghan, Peter Wrafter and Mary Mullins pictured with students Shane Finneran, Diarmuid Murray, Aidan Dolan and Liam Kilcline.