

Campanna Samhraidh at Caisléan Óir

Campanna Samhraidh will run for two weeks in July at Caisléan Óir Glinsk Community Child-care Centre.

Caisléan Óir is a community-based not-for-profit organisation, which operates a state-of-the-art childcare centre at Glinsk.

The first week of the Campanna Samhraidh runs from July 5th to 9th and the second week from July 12th to 16th. A camp will be available for juniors, aged from three to six, run by Caisléan Óir staff Edel and Patricia, while the senior camp, for six to 12-year-olds, will be run by local woman Miriam Cuddy, who has completed a

Masters degree in fine art and is currently completing a H. dip. in Education. There may also be a camp for teenagers if there is sufficient interest. The camps will feature sport, drama and art for seniors through Irish and music and art for juniors through the medium of Irish. The camp will run from 10 am to 2 pm daily and costs €60 per week and there is a reduction for subsequent children. A snack lunch will be provided.

Free playschool places under the ECCE scheme are available for September, but not is the time to book. For further information contact Manager Patricia Keegan on (094) 96 55885.



Members of Elphin Hospice Support Group recently presented a cheque for €14,300 to Cynthia Clampett of Mayo/Roscommon Hospice which includes €3,567 from Gerry Connellan and Staff, Elphin Mart, €5,954.86 from Kilmore Ladies sale of work and coffee morning, €1,993 from the Motor Cycle Run, cheque donation from Rhoda Lenehan and staff Ladbrokes, Roscommon, the remainder from Church Gate Collections, Coffee Mornings, Shine a Light Cards etc. Mayo Roscommon Hospice thank sincerely Elphin Hospice Group and all who support their work for palliative care services. Back row (left to right): Mary Brady, Cynthia Clampett, CEO Mayo/Roscommon Hospice, Mary Walsh, Tamara Beirne. Front row (left to right): Dolores Finn, Adeleine Callery, Mary Teresa Murray and Jenny Connellan. Missing from pic Bernadette Lavin.



Pictured at the official launch of National Sunflower Days 2010 and 'Irish Pride Sunflower Heroes' presentation ceremony (a new initiative that honours the work of people throughout the country who work tirelessly on behalf of their local hospice, either caring for patients, as volunteers or selflessly raising money) at the Mansion House in Dublin are representatives of Elphin Support Group, who were honoured as Irish Pride Sunflower Heroes, Monica Brogan, Fundraising Manager, Mayo/Roscommon Hospice and Kathryn Thomas, RTE.

Support Sunflower Days appeal

2010 marks the 20th anniversary of the event and Mayo/Roscommon Hospice are urging people across the two counties to continue to support their local hospice/Palliative Care Service by buying a sunflower pin from hospice volunteers in your area for €2 and wearing it with pride.

"The total amount raised through this event last year was €40,000," said Cynthia Clampett, CEO, Mayo/Roscommon Hospice. This was slightly down on the total amount raised for 2008 so we hope that through the continued support and loyalty of the people, we can try and reach our target in 2010."

Mayo/Roscommon Hospice Foundation, in association with the WHB (now HSE West) established the hospice palliative care service in the two counties in 1992. Since then, the Foundation has contributed over €15 million of donated funds to provide and enhance services for terminally ill patients and their families. The service provides dignity, respect and comfort for patients at end of life in all care settings. The Foundation needs to raise over

€1.3 million annually for the service.

The demand for the service increases each year. In 2009 the home care teams cared for 565 patients and families (202 in Roscommon and 353 in Mayo). The palliative care team at Roscommon County Hospital cared for 251 patients and the team at Mayo General Hospital cared for 206.

Each year Support Groups from Mayo/Roscommon Hospice Foundation and other volunteers, willingly give of their time to sell Sunflowers and raise awareness of the service. Sunflowers will be available at various outlets in Mayo and Roscommon and local Hospice support Groups on the above dates.

If you or anyone you know of would like to volunteer to help with the sale of sunflowers in your area, please contact the Hospice Office, Knock on 094 9388666 or log onto the Sunflower Days website on www.sunflower-days.ie

All funds raised on these days will go directly to support local Palliative Care/Hospice services in Mayo and Roscommon. Your sup-

Holy Cross visit

A bus leaves Boyle, on Sunday May 30th, at 8 am, from The Crescent, for a trip or pilgrimage to Holy Cross, Tipperary. It will call at Fourmilehouse and Roscommon. For further information please call Moya at (071) 9662110.

Tidy Towns judging

Judging for Tidy Towns throughout County Roscommon will get underway next week on Tuesday, June 1st and will continue through June, July and August, the busiest time for all Tidy Towns Groups. Any help you can give your local committee would be much appreciated.

Taking in charge of Mount William

No application has yet been received by Roscommon County Council for the taking in charge of the Mount William estate in Monksland, Cllr. John Naughten has confirmed.

Cllr. Naughten raised the issue at a recent meeting of the Council where he was informed that the developer has not yet requested that the estate would be taken in charge.

The Council also confirmed that outstanding work on the estate includes public lighting, road surfacing works and work on boundary walls.

The Historic Houses of County Roscommon

Four historic houses of County Roscommon have come together to help promote tourism in the county. Strokestown House, Clonalis House, Castlecoote House and King House are working together under the title of The Historic Houses of County Roscommon.

Each house is unique in its architecture, heritage and historical content. It is planned that the Houses will continue to work together to arrange a series of events and exhibitions to complement the rich and varied history, heritage and culture of County Roscommon. To celebrate this joint venture on this coming June Bank Holiday weekend each house will host a lunchtime recital.

On Saturday 5th June at 1 pm, visit King House, relax and unwind to the classical sounds of the Steinway Concert Piano in the majestic main salon. Followed by a tour of the house and interactive exhibitions. Email kinghouse@roscommoncoco.ie or call (071) 96 63242.

On Sunday, June 6th, at 1 pm, Castlecoote House will showcase 'The French Paradox', a medley of Percy French's music in harp and song by Teresa O'Donnell, followed by a guided tour of the house. Email info@percyfrench.ie or call (090) 66 63794.

Also on Sunday 6th June at 1 pm, Strokestown House will feature a session of traditional music and song with Patsy and Pauline Hanly in the renowned Galleried Kitchen followed by a guided tour of the house. Email info@strokestownpark.ie or call (071) 96 33013.

On Monday, June, 7th, at 1 pm, enjoy an informal rendition of the airs of Turlough O Carolan followed by a guided tour of Clonalis House. Email clonalis@iol.ie or ring (094) 96 20014. Admission charge: Adult €10, Child €5. Booking essential, please contact each house directly.

Briefing meeting for former miners

A briefing meeting will be held in Arigna on Thursday, June 3rd, to brief all surviving Arigna miners and miners' widows on the work of the National Coal Miners Group to date, a fact welcomed this week by Deputy Frank Feighan.

At the meeting Doherty Ryan and Associates will give a legal presentation. The presentation will include a legal issue identified by the solicitors, that the State owed miners a statutory duty of care under the Mines and Quarries Act, 1965 to provide a safe place of work and one which was free from excessive coal dust. Arising from this statutory



Deputy Frank Feighan duty, the firm of solicitors has been asked by the Committee to seek redress from the State by way of compensation for

loss and damage suffered by coal miners in the course of their employment.

Many miners suffered injuries and ill health as a result of working in coal mines. Many were treated in an inequitable manner by the social welfare process and many medical conditions associated with exposure to coal dust are not recognised for the purposes of disability payment.

The meeting will hear of the campaign to establish a Redress Board and Arigna miners and their spouses will be invited to sign up to a potential Redress Board process by signing terms of engagement.