

Festival to be opened by author Jennifer Johnston

THE 29th Dunlavin of Arts Festival will commence on Friday 17 June at 7pm. This year the festival will be officially opened by renowned author Jennifer Johnston. There will be four art exhibitions on display over the weekend. Live music in the pubs. A big set dance ceili at 9.30pm in the Jonathan Swift school. The proceeds of this event is to The Hospice on the Curragh which serves West Wicklow really well. The fun fair will run all weekend on Dunlavin Green.

On Saturday all exhibitions will open at 12 noon. Miriam Lambert will perform her puppet show at 3pm of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* in the Park, weather permitting, otherwise in the Imaal Hall. This is a free event, thanks to Dublin Products for their generous sponsorship.

A cricket match will take place in Harristown Estate (Naas Road) at 11am. The ever popular horse show takes place in Dr Kearney's field.

Dubtown Vibration will be providing the music for a Caribbean night in Rathallagh Golf Club on Saturday night at 9pm. Tickets for this event are €15 and are on sale in the parish office

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and post office. Proceeds will go towards St. Nicholas of Myra Church.

Sunday will see all exhibitions open at 12 noon along with a huge craft fair in the Imaal Hall. The street will be a hive of activity with the colourful children's parade at 2pm. This will be followed by street entertainers The Lords of Strut at 2.30pm, and again at 4.30pm. The dog show will take place at 3pm. Community games events will take place at 3pm in the GAA grounds along with Ice Cream day in aid of Downs Syndrome. CPR demonstration will take place at 4pm in the Park. The festival will close with a concert in the Market House at 8pm featuring The Iveagh Singers and the DARA Quartet. Tickets €10.

SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP

This support group has been set up to help friends and families affected by suicide. This new confidential support group,

recently established in conjunction with HOPE(D) welcomes people from Kildare and surrounds who have been affected by suicide. The group meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at Aras Building (beside Fas) Main Street, Newbridge at 8pm. The aim of the group is to connect with people where members can share experiences, advice or just listen providing sympathetic understanding towards one another. People who have lost a loved one through suicide and would like to meet with others who have gone through the same experience please come along. A counsellor will be available on a one to one basis if required. Please do not hesitate to contact Damian on 087 2450881 or Jacinta on 087 2229695.

PLC COURSE

St Kevin's Community College are offering two PLC courses 2011/2012. Business Studies and Office technology and Childcare. Both

courses will be Fetac Level 5 accredited. Eligible students may apply to their local VEC for the PLC Grant. Work experience is an essential Module. For details contact the secretary in St Kevn's. 045 406000. Email cath. erineoconnellstkevins@gmail.com

CENTRA WINNER

The winner of the weekly shopping vouchers in Centra last week was Collette Murphy. Free entry to the draw when you spend €20. Draw takes place every Friday. There is also a raffle for two vouchers each Saturday at the weekly bingo. This is part of the shop local campaign to keep jobs in the local community, please support.

RATHSALLAGH GOLF CLUB

Rathsallagh Golf Club has re-opened after the winter break.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Please keep your used postage stamps as St Patrick's Missions Kiltegan can use them to fundraise. Used stamps can be dropped into the parish office anytime.

EXHIBITION

An exhibition and sale of

handcrafted fascinators, fashion accessories and photographs will take place in Naas Library from Thursday June 23rd to 25th during opening hours. Items include fascinators, tiaras, jewellery, bags, belts, scarves and much more. For further information contact

PHOTOCOPYING SERVICE

A photocopying service is available in the Parish Centre, telephone 045/401871 for details.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP

The telephone contact number for the local branch is 0857274194 and the contact number for the Samaritans 1850-60-90-90

BINGO

Bingo takes place in the Imaal Hall every Saturday night at 9pm. The funds raised by the Bingo goes towards the upkeep of the Imaal Hall and well worth supporting.

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Tuesday 6.30pm-8.30pm, Wednesday 3-5pm and 6.30pm-8.30pm, Friday 11am-1pm and 3pm-5pm, Saturday 11am-1pm. Closed on Saturdays of Bank Holiday weekends.

Glór Cheatharlach

Éigse Cheatharlach 2011 faoi lán seoil

AN t-am sin den bhliain ann arís! Féile na hÉigse faoi lán seoil agus clár spleodrach taitneamhach curtha ar fáil le himeachtaí, éagsúlacht agus beocht ar fud na háite agus ag leanúint ar aghaidh go 19ú Meitheamh.

Tá rogha leathan ar an gclár agus tá muintir Cheatharlach, gan trácht ar chuairteoirí anseo don fhéile, chomh gnóthach ag freastal ar imeacht tar éis imeachta gur beag an t-am atá fágtha d'aon rud eile thar thréimhse na hÉigse!

Le taispeántais ealaíne agus ceardaíochta, ceolchoirmeacha agus céilithe, seisiúin ceoil de gach aon tsaghas, léachtanna agus litríocht, damhsa agus drámaíocht, scannáin agus ceardlanna, imeachtaí do pháistí agus don teaghlach, siamsaíocht sráide agus seónna faoin aer is féidir a mhaíomh go cinnte go bhfuil féasta leanúnach na nealaíon i réim. Tá ceangail láidir idir an fhéile agus abhainn an Bhearú i mbliana le sport agus

spraoi don teaghlach san uisce agus ar bhruach na habhann.

I measc na seodanna atá i ndán do pháistí fós tá léiriú den dráma 'Mise, Scéal Cailín' ag an gComhlacht Drámaíochta Branar. Is scéal é seo faoi chailín nach féidir léi titim ina codladh agus faoi scamall nach bhfágann í. Le puipeadóireacht álainn, ceol beo agus beochan, insíonn Branar an scéal faoin oíche nach bhféadfadh leis an gcailín titim ina codladh agus faoi na heachtraí a bhain lena cuid iarrachtaí. Léireofar 'Mise, Scéal Cailín' in amharclann G.B.Shaw amárach, 15 Meitheamh ag meánlae agus beifear ag súil le teach lán. Amárach chomh maith a reachtáilfear Spraoicheist na hÉigse i gcomhar le Gael Linn nuair a bhaileoidh breis is tríocha foireann ó bhunscoileanna an cheantair isteach i Halla na Gaelscoile le haghaidh ollchomórtas na gCeistboird.

Tá a lán de chlár na hÉigse na



Léireofar an dráma 'Mise, Scéal Cailín' do pháistí i rith na hÉigse

bliana seo ar fáil saor in aisce ach is cinnte go mbeidh an-éileamh ar thicéid do roinnt imeachtaí chomh maith. B'fhíú dul sa tóir ar thicéid gan mhoill.

Éigse 2011, a lán fós le blaiseadh fós. Bainimís taitneamh as an bhféile. Gach eolas ar www.eigsecarlow.ie nó 059 9140491.

Slí na Sceacha i mBalána

THÁINIG Glór Bhalána agus coiste Bhaile Slachtmhar na háite le chéile chun tabhairt faoi thionscnamh úrnua don sráidbhaile gleoite agus nach iad a bhí bródúil agus mórálach as toradh a saothair le déanaí nuair a seoladh Slí na Sceacha go hoifigiúil. An bitheolaí aitheanta agus pearsa teilifíse Éanna Ní Lamhna a bhí i láthair chun Slí na Sceacha a bhaisteadh agus a oscailt don phobal.

'Séard atá i gceist ná fálscach de chrainn agus plandaí agus féar de gach aon tsaghas mar chlaí néata mórthimpeall móinéir álainn taobh leis an mbialann The Forge ar imeall Bhalána. Bhain slua mór idir óg agus fásta an-taitneamh as léacht Éanna, léacht

a bhí ar ndóigh lán de ghreann agus d'eolas faoin dúlra agus í á dtreorú timpeall Slí na Sceacha ar thráthnóna Domhnaigh griannmhar. Is siúlóid dúlra atá ann le dosaen stad nó pointí eolais aitheanta agus marcáilte go soiléir. I measc na staisiún eolais tá an seiceamar agus an fhuinseog, aiteann agus peirse bhó gan trácht ar an iliomad plandaí, bláthanna fiáine agus feithidí. Is féidir bileog eolais a phiocadh suas sa bhialann agus an cursa a leanúint. Gan tuille ar bith is fiú go mór uair a chloig a chaitheamh ag cur aithne ar an nádúr thar Shlí na Sceacha. Comhgháirdeachas le muintir Bhalána as an tionscnamh a thabhairt chun chríche. Go mbaire sibh sult as anois.

Micléinn na Bliana 2011

TÁ na mílte macléinn i mbun scrúduithe i láthair na huair agus guímid gach beannacht orthu. Orthu siúd ar fad is dócha go bhfuil an brú is mó ar mhuintir na hArdteistiméireachta. Glactar leis go forleathan gurb í scrúdú na hArdteistiméireachta an scrúdú is tábhachtaí a shuíonn duine in Éirinn.

Taobh amuigh den staidéar bíonn a lán cinntí tábhachtacha le déanamh ag daoine óga agus iad ag tabhairt aghaidh ar an scrúdú. I gcas a bhformhór bíonn tionchar ollmhór ag na cinntí agus ag na roghanna a dhéanann siad ar scoil ar a dtodhchaí. Ní bhíonn tuairim ag formhór de dhéagóirí 17 nó 18 mbliana d'aois áfach cén treo agus cén bealach a theastaíonn uatha dul.

Is fíor go bhfuil a lán athruithe tagtha ar chúrsaí na tíre seo le blianta beag anuas. Tá an tíogar ceilteach ina chodladh agus tá an tír go mór i bhfiacha. Tá an cúlú eacnamaíochta ag cur isteach ar chuire dhuine agus is beag fostaíocht atá ar fáil. Le rogha leathan de chúrsaí tríú leibhéal ar fáil áfach agus leis na scileanna cuí faoin ascaill acu is féidir le daltaí ardeistiméireachta na bliana seo a bheith muiníneach go mbeidh feabhas ar chúrsaí fostaíochta nuair a bheidh siad cáilithe i gceann trí nó ceithre bliana. Ní ga dóibh a bheith ag smaoinéamh ar an imirce amháin. Má fhaigheann daoine óga dóthain tacaíochta éireoidh go breá leo. Tá spreagadh ag teastáil uatha agus tá géarghá le meon dearfa ó thaobh staidéir agus oibre de. Má bhíonn siad sona iontu féin leanfaidh na rudaí eile. Go n-éirí go seoigh le gach éinne atá i lár scrúduithe i láthair na huair.

Gach eolas ar imeachtaí Gaeilge ó:

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