

Louisburgh HQ News

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"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts" So says Aristotle and Louisburgh HQ

Festival of the Pirate Queen

Louisburgh Saturday 14th of September 2013

11 am Talk and documentary on the Pirate Queen and her role in the West of Ireland in Louisburgh HQ – Coffee, scones and refreshments provided.

Speaker Fr Padraig O'Maille former Chieftain of the O'Malley Clan (Admission 3 euro, children free)

11am -3pm Guided Foraging Walk with local expert Will Williams in Old Head Woods - Pirate Queen Theme. Meet in the car park at Old Head

(Cost 10 euro children free – please bring a packed lunch) For further information phone Will (0876249894)

12:30pm Duffy's Craft Shop open with Pirate Queen theme – Demonstration of Weaving by Clare Island Weaver Beth Moran.

Crafts made by local craftspeople available for sale.

5pm Photography and Art Exhibition in Louisburgh HQ and various venues

5pm Taste of Louisburgh at Louisburgh HQ and various venues in the town

Foodies will enjoy all the food and flavours provided on stalls at HQ, on the streets and in restaurants.

5pm Music and atmosphere on the Square

Music and dancing by local musicians and dancers – everyone is welcome to participate.

8pm Ceile in the Parochial Hall. Music by Cluain Beat Ceili Band Admission 5 euro

For further information in relation to the Festival of the Pirate Queen and all of the activities please contact Louisburgh HQ at 087 6901727

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Workshops at HQ for July & August 2013

We have a wide range of exciting workshops running at HQ this July & August. There are too many to include in the newsletter so see that attached brochure which includes the calendar and details of each course and the facilitator. There is something for everyone! All workshops are booked directly with the facilitator. If you want to take part please ensure that you book in advance as facilitators need to know how many they are working with.

Killeen Community Gathering

FRIDAY 9th Aug: Kicks off with all Ireland Fleadh Champion Flute player Jillian O'Malley, joined by friends for an evening of traditional Music and craic in the Ocean Lodge Killadoon.

SAT 10th Aug: Killeen Community Council invites you to book your place on one of the two looped Killeen walks starting at 2:30pm at Killeen Church. To participate on the Old Bog Road loop contact Bernie 087-2305721, if you would like to join the Killadoon loop contact Mary 087-6652426. (Weather permitting) Both groups meet back at Killeen Community centre for light refreshments afterwards.

On Saturday night join us as we continue to celebrate our traditional verse and airs, with the talented Tiernan family in the Ocean Lodge.

SUN 11th Aug: Weather permitting the 10 a.m. Mass in Killeen on Sunday will be celebrated in the Cemetery opposite the church. Anyone who has family or friends buried in Killeen cemetery from the parish and beyond are invited to join with us remembering the past and looking forward to the future. Mass will be celebrated for all our loved ones, buried in Killeen Cemetery. We pray that the faith will be carried into the future by the next generation. Join with us afterwards for a cup of tea and a chat in Killeen Community Centre. If the weather doesn't allow the mass take place in the cemetery, the 10a.m. Mass will be celebrated in Killeen church.

Family Fun Sports day @ Cross strand hosted by Louisburgh Ladies GAA, will ensure an action packed Sunday afternoon. The Ocean Lodge is the place to be on Sunday night with music by Stuart Moyles as we close the weekend of Killeen Community Gathering.

Hope to see you there!

Festival of the Pirate Queen



The Volunteers at Louisburgh HQ have put together a programme of events for Louisburgh for the 'Festival of the Pirate Queen' which will take place all around Clew Bay on the Weekend of September 13th to 15th. If you would like to help with the Louisburgh Events on September 14th please contact us on 087 690 1727

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More Hands needed!!!!

Public Meeting about the Community Garden



The Community Garden, located behind the HQ building in the middle of Louisburgh, has now been in existence for four months.

In that time we have established raised beds and straw bale beds in which we have grown crops including kale, strawberries, beans, peas, onions, carrots, potatoes and lettuces as well as flowers and herbs. We have started to sell a small selection of these on Saturday mornings, outside HQ, from 10.30 - 12.30.

At this time of the year, there is a lot of work involved as everything flowers and fruits and needs harvesting, as well as the never ending task of weeding.

We currently have a very small labour force working in the garden and so we are looking for volunteers to help.

If you are interested in gardening and would like to help we will be meeting in HQ on Wednesday 31st July at 8pm.

If you have any ideas for the project, or would be able to volunteer some of your time to help in the day to day running, please come to the meeting on Wednesday and talk to us and let us show you what we have already done.

Even a small time commitment would make a big difference!!!! Looking forward to seeing you there.

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Cycle for Niamh

Niamh Kelly Coghlan (1972-2012) was Aileen and Michael O'Malley's niece and a first cousin of Larah, Crevan, Jarlath and Rory from Main Street, Louisburgh. Sadly, she passed away last August after a very short battle with cancer.



Niamh was a regular visitor to Louisburgh. As a child she stayed near Carrowmore Beach with her parents and three brothers in the late Mrs Friel's mobile home. As a teenager she loved Old Head and trips to Clare Island and Inishboffin. Niamh rarely missed a disco in Lecanvey or a night out at Skamps. Most school holidays were spent in Louisburgh with family and friends.

Niamh continued that tradition when she started her own family. In fact Niamh was on Carrowmore Beach with her husband, Garvan and daughters Ava and Grace two weeks before she died. On leaving Louisburgh she bought ice creams for her girls in Kenny's Newsagents and walked down the street to say goodbye to her Auntie Aileen. Despite her illness Niamh was full of life and had great optimism for the future. None of us could ever have imagined that this was going to be her last visit.

At the end of this month Niamh's three brothers are embarking on a 5 day cycle challenge in her memory. They will start their journey in Dublin where they were all born and reared. They will travel west and then down south and visit all the places Niamh loved most in life. They should be in Louisburgh around lunch time on Wednesday the 31st July. The following day they will head south to Limerick city where they still have a lot of family on their father's side. The Ring of Kerry will be the final leg of the challenge when Alan, David and Brian arrive in their mother's birth place, Killorglin on Saturday 3rd August.

The Kellys will be accompanied by Patrick Lowery and Vincent Byrne, two teachers from St Brigids NS, Castleknock as far as Galway. Niamh was a valued member of the teaching staff at Brigids for many years.

If you would like to support this once off event please go to www.mycharity.ie/event/cycleforniamh and make a donation. All funds raised will be donated to the Mater Breast Health Unit. All donations and support will be greatly appreciated.

Mayor of Louisburgh

A campaign to elect a new Mayor of Louisburgh will be launched on Friday, July 26th in The Bunowen Inn. The candidates for the position are Brendan Heneghan, Michael O'Malley (Main Street) and Jimmy Corrigan.

The launch night promises to be a great fun night with music and entertainment go leor.

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Profile of a Business Member of Louisburgh HQ



Photography by Jessica

Jessica Priddy is an award winning professional photographer based in Louisburgh with a studio in Westport, County Mayo. Originally from London, she has settled in Ireland after living in County Mayo for the last 12 years. Qualified in General Practice with the Irish Professional Photographers Association she enjoys applying her skills as a photographer to portraits, wedding photography, press & PR work and recording the natural beauty of the local landscape.

Jessica prides herself in good service & value for money. Photos are so important in our lives so if you have a special occasion coming up why not give her a ring.

Gift vouchers are also available.

Eoin McGroddy Football Blitz

This year on 14th July we celebrated the 6th Eoin McGroddy Football Blitz. Young footballers from Louisburgh, Kilmeena, Burrishoole and Islandeady joined Eoin's parents, Paul and Anna, his brothers Paul and Conor and Eoin's grandmother Delia Coen and extended family members to remember Eoin who went to heaven on June 20th 2005.

Eoin continues to inspire our community to come together for a day of fun and football for the young people and their families each year. The community responds each year to make the day a memorable occasion helping in any way they can. Eoin symbolises "unity" in community.

Burrishoole won the Eoin McGroddy Cup final and Kilmeena took home the Eoin McGroddy Shield this year. No doubt Louisburgh and Kilmeena will have plans to prevent two in a row for them next year.

The McGroddy family asked Eoin's friends Caoilfhinn and Edward to join them in presenting the medals to the teams. It was a great honour for them both. Anna, on behalf of the McGroddy family thanked everyone that made the day so special.

The organisers would like to thank Michael Davitt for the use of the Sancta Maria facilities.

Our continued appreciation to Jimmy Corrigan and Debra Bennett and all at Louisburgh Order of Malta for their continued support to the club. We wish Debra the best of luck as she begins her Paramedic training in Sligo shortly.

We look forward to celebrating the Eoin McGroddy Blitz again in 2014 on the refurbished Louisburgh GAA pitches.