

# Louisburgh HQ News

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



## Louisburgh is on the list of the **Top 25** places to holiday in the Country

Louisburgh HQ are delighted to report the good news that Louisburgh has been listed by the Irish Times as one of the top 25 places to holiday in the Country. This along with the fact that it is confirmed that Louisburgh is on the main path of the Wild Atlantic Way is very positive news for tourism.

The judges for the Irish Times competition were:

- Steve McPhilemy, a tour guide and hostel owner in Derry,
- Irish Times journalist Rosita Boland, author of *A Secret Map of Ireland*
- Eamon Ryan, leader of the Green Party and a former tourism entrepreneur

The judges will be visiting Louisburgh within the next few weeks (we do not know exactly when) to see our town and what we have to offer as a holiday destination. The short list will be announced on the Irish Times on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. We want and deserve to be up there with the best in the country. This is a great opportunity. (Continued .....)

**Spring Fair at Louisburgh HQ Sunday May 5th 12 noon to 5pm**



**LOUISBURGH HQ**  
PROMOTING  
TOURISM, ENTERPRISE & COMMUNITY  
ACTIVITIES  
IN  
LOUISBURGH, LECANVEY & KILLEEN

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## Louisburgh is on the list of the **Top 25 places** to holiday in the Country (Continued...)

We are asking everyone (who is living in, who visit, or who are from the area) to please put their shoulder to the wheel to help. We want the town to look alive and booming. So please come into town, stay as long as possible, do your shopping here, have a cup of coffee, or a drink, or a meal. Please have a welcoming smile for all visitors (it might be one of the judges). If you are away and can visit during this time please do.

We are also trying to prettify the town and this is spurring us to a more urgent pace. If you can do anything to make the town look better please help us. If anyone can help to do a bit of quick painting of some old building - please let us know and we can get a date organised. Contact us at [louisburghhq@gmail.com](mailto:louisburghhq@gmail.com) or phone 087 690 1727

### Irish Times Article

The following is the pitch that got us to the top 25. It was written by a member of Louisburgh HQ Catherine Duffy.

*Louisburgh even sounds exotic. It is situated only 12 miles from Westport (recently nominated as the Best Place to live in Ireland). Louisburgh is the place where Westport people go on their holidays. It is nestled under Croagh Patrick on the edge of Clew Bay just where the calm waters hit the Wild Atlantic.*

*Take a swim in one of the 2 blue flag beaches in Clew Bay or surf in Carrownisky (on the Atlantic side) which is one of the 3 beaches that are prized for their natural, unspoilt environment. Carrownisky is a surfer's paradise. If you will not venture to stand up on a board— you can lie on a board and be carried to the shore by a wave. Gather at Carrowmore or Old Head for pier jumping at full tide these piers are like giant natural swimming pools – my friend Mimi says “no spa could compare with this”.*

*Louisburgh has an amazing selection of craftspeople. Over 30 local crafts people sell beautiful items in Duffy's craft shop. These include jewellery, paintings, textiles, hats and tea cosies. Call into Durkans' foodstore to get freshly made breads and scones, stand still and enjoy the welcoming chat which were always part of rural life and are still in abundance here. On Fridays the local producers bring their fare to market and you can purchase fresh eggs, preserves, salad, vegetables and fish. During the summer the fish is often for free – call down to Old Head and the fishermen are often trying to offload their mackerel - eaten straight out of the sea they taste exotic. JP, in the butcher's shop, is renowned for his Mayo Mountain Lamb and all his meat is locally sourced: a real treat these days.*

*Stroll down through the streets of the town, wander down to Louisburgh 74 for a delicious crab salad during the day, or in the evening take your choice from the family seafood bistro of Orla Gaffney, the American style diner Surf n Turf or the award-winning Hudson's Pantry - there is a dining experience there for everyone."*

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*You will surely find a session in one of the local pubs and you will soon have friends here. It is easy to work up an appetite for this welcome and food, by climbing Croagh Patrick which is 762 metres above sea level and see the 365 islands in Clew Bay. Take a cycle to Delphi House or Delphi Adventure Centre and appreciate the breathtaking scenery. Delphi is alongside one of the few natural fjords (The Killary Fjord) in the World. It is here that the annual famine walk takes place. Take the boat to the Islands from Roonagh Pier - this will surely whet your appetite.*

*Louisburgh HQ, run by volunteers has many activities organised for you-such as foraging, jewellery making, film nights, walks and talks.*

*For the painter, the pilgrim, the photographer, the forager, the fisherman, the foodie, the walker, the geologist, the historian and the child there is no better place.*

## Ahoy Tourism operators!

HQ would like to invite all tourism operators, hoteliers, B&B owner's, tour guides etc to an open night in HQ on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8pm. Come along and have a glass of wine, talk to us and our Tourist Team, so that we can all work alongside each other promoting the best that Louisburgh has to offer.

Last year, our volunteer Tourist Team sent tourists down to coffee shops, explained the advantages of visiting the Granuaile Centre before going to Clare Island, discussed walking loops and cycling tours, promoted surfing, kayaking, riding and fishing trips, introduced people to foraging at the Old Head and horse-riding in Mweelrea, offered workshops on a rainy day and a massage treatment also!

We had great fun showing Louisburgh off in its best light, and the more information that we have to give, the more chance that we can hold the tourist in this area. Help us to help the area – come along on the night and explain your business, sign up to the website or the directory and we will promote your business through the Tourism HQ which will be open seven afternoons a week from June to September.

To find out more about our Louisburgh Website, which will give the customer the chance to link into all the business at the touch of a button and also has a facility for on-line shopping, email Lynda at [louisburghhq@gmail.com](mailto:louisburghhq@gmail.com)



**Louisburgh GAA Fundraiser: Cake sale in aid of the pitch development on Sunday 5th May in the Parochial Hall immediately after 11.30am mass. Come in and enjoy traditional music provided by our local musicians and take the opportunity to have a cuppa and sample freshly baked local produce.**

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Venue for the Craft Fair: Louisburgh HQ, The Square, Louisburgh



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## Feile Chois Cuain: Programme of Events 2013

### Friday 3rd May/ Dé hAoine 3 Bealtaine

- **7.30pm - Venue:** Parochial Hall. **Mol an Óige. Ceolchoirm le sárcheoltóirí óga. Youth concert featuring local and visiting artists. Táille/Admission euro5.00**
- **9.30pm: Reception / Fáiltiú: Cheese and Wine reception in West View Hotel. All Welcome.**
- **Music and Singing Sessions in Local Pubs.**

### Saturday 4th May/ Dé Sathairn 4 Bealtaine

- **10.30am - 4.00pm:** Set Dance Workshop / Ceardlann Seiteanna. **Venue:**Parochial Hall.
- **10.30am - 4.00pm:** Masterclasses - Máistir-ranganna **Venue:** Sancta Maria College  
**Táille/Admission euro10.00 to all Masterclasses & Workshops**

#### **Tutors/Teagascóirí -**

- **Ballads: Len Graham / Sean-nós: Treasa Ní Mholláin**
- **Accordion: Charlie Harris / Colin Nea**
- **Banjo: Theresa Payne**
- **Concertina: Micheál Ó'Raghallaigh**
- **Fiddle: Dermot Diamond / John McEvoy**
- **Flute: Catherine McEvoy / Colm O'Donnell**
- **Tin Whistle: Nóirín Ní Shúilleabháin / Gavin Whelan**
- **Uilleann Pipes: Fiachra O'Regan**
- **Set Dance: Jerry O'Reilly**

**Note: Lunch break 1pm to 2pm**

- **4.15pm - 6.00pm:** Seisiún Amhránaíochta Sean-Nóis **le scoth na n-amhránaithe ar an sean-nós - Aíonna: Treasa Ní Mholláin, Johnny Mháirtín Learaí Mac Donnchadha, Mairead Ní Cheallaigh, Meaití Jó Shéamus Ó Fátharta, Nollaig NicAindriú, Micheál Ó Seighin, Antaine Ó Faracháin, Nollaig Ní Laoire, Irial Ó Ceallaigh, Eibhlín Ní Conghaile, Traolach Ó Conghaile Fear a'Tí Éamon Ó Donnchadha**  
**Adm euro 5.00. Venue** Parochial Hall
- **8.45pm:** Grand Concert / Ceolchoirm Na Féile - Parochial Hall - **Music, Song and Dance, featuring a host of outstanding artists. Táille/Admission euro10.00.**

### Sunday 5th May/ Dé Domhnaigh 5 Bealtaine

- **4.00pm:** Glór na dTonn / 'Waves of Music': **A special concert of artists who were born or are living abroad including the renowned "London Lasses & Pete Quinn" making a very welcome visit to Ireland. Óró 's é do bheatha 'bhaile Beidh céad míle fáilte rompu, ag cur saibhris lenár gceol agus lenár gcultúr. Adm euro10.00. Venue** Parochial Hall
- **9.00pm - 12.00am:** Set Dance Social / Oíche Sheiteanna - **Venue** Parochial Hall  
**Adm euro10.00. Music by 'Heather Breeze' Céilí Band.**

### Monday 6th May / Dé Luain 6 Bealtaine

- **12.30pm:** 'Slán Abhaile' Sessions

Beidh seisiúin cheoil agus amhránaíochta sna tithe tábhairne i rith na deireadh seachtaine - Music and singing sessions in all pubs over the weekend. Weekend Tickets: euro30 - Covers Táille/Admission to all events Táille/Admission to individual events as shown

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## Tri-burgh needs your help

The organisers of Tri-Burgh are looking for community support to run this event.

Since it started in 2010 they have tried to have a community focus and always are welcome to people getting involved

with the organisation. The race is not-for-profit with any surplus going to charity and helps to bring some business and fun into the town for the bank holiday weekend.

This year the race takes place on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> with the same route as before and all centered around Carrowmore beach.

As it is dependent on tides the race starts at 12:00 and they expect the majority of competitors to have finished by 17:00. This is a Triathlon Ireland officially sanctioned event.

So if you are available to help contact us at HQ on **087 690 1727**



The 2013 edition of Tri-Burgh is dedicated to the memory of Baby Jamie Trench and all infants and their families who have been affected by Still Births or Neonatal deaths.

**Proceeds will be donated to Feileacain**

## Louisburgh HQ on Facebook



We are on Facebook and thanks to a very dedicated volunteer the page is updated (almost) daily. So please -Like us on Facebook and we will be able to keep you up to date on HQ events or on any changes to planned events.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO LOUISBURGH CHOOSEN AS ONE OF THE 25 PLACES IN IRELAND FOR A HOLIDAY (IRISH TIMES)

Hi All,

Judges will be visiting Louisburgh in the next three weeks. As it is volunteer week May 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> we are asking you to come out and do a big clean up in the town. Get a buddy to join you for weeding footpaths, brushing of same and litter clean. If you need any help just call into HQ for further information or contact Margaret. We will be looking for MEN to help board up windows in some buildings (dates to be decided). Also if you have large pieces of plywood lying around that might be usable as boarding (see measurements below) please let us know.

Thanks to all.

Margaret Devereux

Twinning & Tidy Towns



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### Looking for plywood (or similar) with following dimensions:

- One piece 120cm by 158cm
  - One piece 132cm by 196cm
  - Two pieces 170cm by 155cm
  - 5 pieces 115cm by 155cm
  
  - Masonry Nails & Wood Nails
  - Paint
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## **LOUISBURGH TIDY TOWNS EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

**An extraordinary meeting of Louisburgh Tidy Towns is being held on  
WEDNESDAY 08 May 2013, at 8:00pm in Louisburgh HQ.**

**All committee members & volunteers are urged to attend.**

**Louisburgh business community, other groups and the community at large who  
are interested in having a Tidy Towns are invited to this meeting.**

**If new volunteers/committee members are not forthcoming then the  
Tidy Towns committee will disband with immediate effect.**

## **Wild Geese 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tour 2013 – All Concerts / Sessions are Free**

Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> . Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>

**The 'Internationally Famous' Wild Geese from across the water will once again be  
entertaining their many fans in their own inimitable way at the end of May.**

**Starting on the afternoon of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May in Matt Molloy's - where they have been  
playing their own mixture of Country Rock / Trad since they first visited Westport in the  
Spring of 1992.**

**This year sees 8 Geese musicians getting together along with associated lower, middle  
and upper management...**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – afternoon in Gaynor's Bar Leenane – later in An Bhun  
Abhainn – Louisburgh**

**More information of this Tour from Brendan Hafferty [bphafferty@anu.ie](mailto:bphafferty@anu.ie)**