

Snowdrop week celebrations at Altamont Gardens

Tullow



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The worst of the wintry conditions are now hopefully over and done with, and with Spring in the air, Altamont Gardens is the location of Snowdrop Week from Monday to Sunday, 8 to 14 February. Altamont Gardens represent the achievements of successive generations of the Lecky-Watson and North families and are now managed by The Office of Public Works. The extensive gardens, divided into three distinct sections or elements, are the work of succeeding generations of the Watson family and were first laid down almost 200 years ago. Surrounding a manmade, picturesque lake, the first section of the garden is largely a 19th century creation. This in turn leads to a very different garden, the rough or Wild Garden which features many rare and most interesting shrubs and trees from many countries, the result

of the family's travels over the last 200 years. This leads to the awesome and dramatic Ice Age Glen overlooking the River Slaney with its delightful riverside walk. It has been aptly described as the truly splendid result of a creative gardener's brilliant mind. Flowers, shrubs, trees and a medley of scents embrace the visitor with an intoxicating experience that has been centuries in the making. Tours start each day of Snowdrop Week at 2pm, and for further details please phone 059 9159444.

ICA GUILD MEETING
Tullow Guild ICA will hold a meeting on Monday 18 January in Teagasc at 8pm. There will be a talk on heart health and the use of a defibrillator. Members are asked to decide on the night on their most pleasant memory of 2009. Carlow Federation will commence

its celebration of the ICA centenary by holding a dinner in The Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow on Friday 22 January. Tickets will be available at the guild meeting or from any committee member.

ACTIVE RETIRED NEWS
Due to bad weather, the committee meeting of Tullow Active Retired planned for Tuesday 5 January was cancelled, and has been rescheduled for tomorrow Thursday 14 January in Forward Steps Resource Centre at 1.30pm, followed by a members meeting at 2.30pm.

The group is organising a Spring Break to the West of Ireland from 8 to 12 March, staying at the Breehy House Hotel and Spa, Castlebar. More details at the monthly meeting.

GAA AWARDS NIGHT
This coming Saturday, 16 January will be a special

night for St Patrick's GFC as two of its club members will receive County Carlow GAA Awards. John Metcalfe will be presented with the Carlow Junior Hurler Award, while Bill Canavan will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. The club are very proud of both of them, and wish them well on the night.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
The Care of the Elderly Christmas Party has been rescheduled for Sunday, 31 January in Murphy Memorial Hall from 4 to 8pm. Please give your name to the parish centre at 059 9151277 before Friday, 29 January.

COURSES AT TEACH BHRIDE
The following evening programmes have been arranged for this term in Teach Bhríde:

- Monday: 7pm yoga for pregnant women, 7.30pm yoga
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- Thursday: 7.30pm tai chi, 7.30pm yoga
- Friday: 11am active retired bowls, 6 to 8pm Irish dancing, 7.30pm meditation.

For bookings or further details please phone Teach Bhríde on 059 9152465. An introductory yoga evening will be held in Teach Bhríde on Monday 18 January from 8pm to 9pm. You are invited to come along, try it out, and if you like you can join the class. For bookings or further information please phone Deirdre on 086 2510856.

PARISH WEBSITE
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BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH
The following are the arrangements for Baptisms in Tullow Parish: Tullow Church on the first and third Saturdays on the month at 5pm and on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 noon, in Grange Church on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 4pm, and in Ardattin Church on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 4pm.

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SUPPORT FOR CARLOW ARTISTS
Carlow County Council is offering financial support for professional artists, including writers, composers and visual artists who are originally from Carlow or currently reside in Carlow. They are also offering arts grants aimed at supporting non-professional artists and arts groups, who are originally from Carlow or live in Carlow. Application forms are available from: Arts Office, Carlow County Council, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow at 059 9170301 or 9136204, fax: 059 9141503 or e-mail: ascully@carlowcoco.ie, or sdowling@carlowcoco.ie. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 4pm Friday, 26 February.

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TALENT COMPETITION
A reminder to all that the final of Tullow's Got Talent Competition will be held in the Tara Arms this coming

Sunday 17 January at 5pm. All the contestants will appreciate a bit of support.

TINTEAN HOUSING
Tintean Housing currently has a two-bedroom unit available for elderly people in Tintean Phádraig, Chapel Lane, Tullow. Application forms are available from Tintean Community Centre, Pollerton, Carlow 059 9135934. Completed applications should be returned to Tintean by today Wednesday, 13 January. Persons who have previously applied to Tintean should apply again if they wish to be considered for housing in this unit.

CERTIFICATE IN CHILDCARE
A Child Development course, one of the eight modules required in order to gain a FETAC Certificate in Childcare, will begin as part of the night class programme in Tullow Community School on Wednesday 20 January, and will run for 12 weeks. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served

basis, and to enrol please phone the school on 059 9151473 or email: tulcomcw@eircom.net.

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- Girls' Primary 059 9151875
- Grange Primary 059 9156381
- Ardattin Primary 059 9155649
- St Columba's 059 9151873
- Parish Centre 059 9151277
- Monsignor Brendan Byrne PP 059 9152159 or 087 6646616
- Fr Andy Leahy CC 059 9180641 or 087 9438270
- Garda Station 059 9151222
- Tullow Library 059 9151497
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Christmas party still to come

Ardattin



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Known as the most romantic garden in Ireland, Altamont is an enchanting blend of formal and informal gardens. Widely recognised as the jewel in Ireland's gardening crown, Altamont ranks in the top ten of Ireland's best gardens.

Lawns are bisected by sculpted yews sloping down to a romantic lake surrounded by rare trees, rhododendrons and shrubs. A profusion of roses, old fashioned and modern and herbaceous plants scent the air. A fascinating walk through the arbo-retum, bog garden and ice age glen with its canopy of ancient oaks leads to the majestic River Slaney. Along the river walk, you may see salmon and trout rising, perhaps even an otter, and throughout the garden, an abundance of birds and butterflies.

On your return via the hill walk, there are wonderful views of the Blackstairs and Wicklow Mountains and Mount Leinster. Tours start each day of Snowdrop Week at 2pm, and for further details please phone 059 9159444.

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Brotherly love apparent from Germany to the Old Road

Castlecomer

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Joseph Dowd flew in from East Germany for the St Stephens Day Penalty Shoot-Out at Mansfield's, Old Road, Moneenroe. He was released by German nightclub OFFKACS for the competition and in a thrilling final he pipped Paul Donnelly 5-3 to claim the prestigious Penalty King title of North East Kilkenny.

Incidentally older brother Mark was victorious last year. Paul O'Neill hit a wonder strike to win his second U12 title. This year the proceeds which exceeded €500 went to the Moneenroe Hall Re-Development Fund. The progressive committee would like to express their gratitude to all who supported the shoot-out which was both a social and a financial success. Special thanks went to Mark Dowd for Co-ordinating the day.

NEW CLASS
Mosaic classes are starting mid-January in Castlecomer Community Hall. The course will run

every Thursday night for eight weeks. This is a great social outlet with a chance to be creative. For more information contact Susan on 087 9011017.

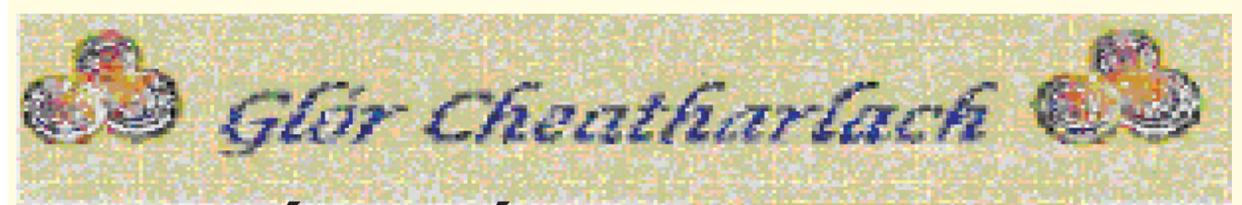
FITNESS FOR FUN AEROBICS
Fitness for Fun returns on Wednesday 13 January and continues every Wednesday evening in the Community Hall Castlecomer from 8.30 to 9.30pm. The time has come to deal with the excesses of the festive season. All ages and abilities catered for by a qualified NCEF instructor. Admission is €6. For further details call 086 8547710.

TDA TIDINGS
An EGM of Castlecomer Development Association will be held on 19 January at 8pm in the Community Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to ratify the new rules that will govern the association into the future. All members are requested to attend.

LIBRARY LATEST
Mine Now a photographic exhibition by Deirdre Haughney from Coon will take place in the Library until 16 January. Deirdre is studying photography in DIT and her exhibition explores physical landscape, human portraiture and the effects the industry had on both. Deirdre collaborated with local miners, landowners and the National Miners' Group to mount this remarkable display.

CRAFTS
Toddler Stories and Crafts resumes at 11.30 on Thursday morning. Admission is free and all are welcome to join in the fun!

We continue to strive to improve the service, and you will note the recent changes in signage and layout. See new displays of DVDs and books. Library membership for children, students, retired and unwaged is free. Employed people only pay €15 per year. Internet access is free to members.



An tAire Éamon Ó Cuív i gCeatharlach

Tá rath mór ar na cúrsaí Ghaelchultúir atá ar siúl i mBaile Cheatharlach le blianta beag anuas agus tabharfaidh An tAire Éamon Ó Cuív T.D., Aire Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta cuairt ar Cheatharlach ar an Déardaoin, 14ú Eanáir @ 7.30i.n. chun staid na Gaeilge i gCeatharlach a cheiliúradh. Tá na cúrsaí Ghaelchultúir faoi lán seoil i gCeatharlach ó Mhí Mheán Fómhair 2008 agus is léir go bhfuil na foghlaimoirí an-tógtha leis an gcur chuige cumarsáideach atá mar chroí lár an chórais. Cuirtear an-bhéim ar tabhairt na teanga agus ar rannpháirtíocht na mac léinn. Déantar freastail cuí agus cóir ar chaidreamh ó fhor thosaitheoirí go bun, meán agus ard leibhéil.

ag Glór Cheatharlach i gcomhar leis na hudarais áitiúla agus dar le Sara Jane Nic Gabhann ó Gaelchultúir Teo is iontach an deashampla do hudarais áitiúla uile an tacaíocht leanúnach a thugann na hudarais don Ghaeilge i gCeatharlach. Mar chomhartha aitheantais don chomhoibriú i leith na ranganna trí sheomraí agus áiseanna a chur ar fáil saor in aisce bronntaigh an tAire Ó Caoimh gradam thar cheann Gaelchultúir Teo ar bhainisteoir an chontae, Tomás de Barra, ar an Déardaoin. Tugann Glór Cheatharlach cuireadh do rannpháirtithe na gúrtais uile ó 2008 chuig an ócáid agus bronntaigh teastas agus fáinne orthu go léir. Is léir go bhfuil suim i gconal ag daoine fásta i gCeatharlach tabhairt faoin nGaeilge a fhoghlaim nó cur leis an

gcaighdeán atá acu cheana féin agus chuige sin cuirfear tús le sraith nua de chúrsaí Ghaelchultúir i Mí Feabhra. Déanfar cúig leibhéal a thairiscint agus mairfidh na cúrsaí ar feadh dhá sheachtain déag go deireadh Mhí Aibreáin. Beidh na ranganna ar siúl ó 7.00 go 9.00i.n.in oifig an Chomhairle Chontae óiche amháin sa tseachtain ag braith ar an leibhéal. Sé an tálle ná €240. Tá clárú ar líne oscailte anois agus chun an leibhéal is oiriúnaí a roghnú is féidir triail socrúcháin teanga ar líne a dhéanamh ar www.gaelchultur.com. Gach eolas freisin ó Glór Cheatharlach ar 085 1340047, 059 9158105 nó www.glorcheatharlach.ie



An tAire Éamon Ó Cuív T.D.

Dreoilín Cheatharlach '09

D'éirigh go hiontach le Féile an Dreoilín '09 i gCeatharlach. Bhailligh na sluaite idir fir is mná gléasta go cuí chuig Siopalann Fairgreen agus chuig Ionad Ealaíne VISUAL. B'iontach chomh fial fíaitiúil is a bhí daoine i dtráth seo na géirchéime eacnamaíochta agus bailíodh €2,500 ar son Ciste Oisipis Cheatharlach agus Ionad Chúram Lae Easca. Ar Lá Le Stíofáin féin thug An Dreoilín cuairt ar Ospidéal an Chroí Ró Naofa agus cuireadh fíorchaoín fáilte roimh an ceol, amhránaíocht agus damhsa. Ar aghaidh leis an seó bríomhar ansin chuig scata de thithe tábhairte áit a raibh idir bhainistíocht agus custaiméirí ag súil go mór leis an spórt agus spraoi. Nollaig eile! Dreoilín eile! Agus an dreoilín bocht saor go ceann bliana. Go mbeirimid beo ar an am seo arís!



Dreoilín Cheatharlach '09 réidh don bhóthar.

Sraith Nua de Glas Vegas ar TG4

Tá sraith nua de Glas Vegas ar ais ar TG4 leis na moltóirí sa tóir ar réalta nua. Cuirtear tús le séasúr nua, an ceathrú ceann, den sraith seo ar an Domhann. 'Sé Cillian Ó Donnchú, aisteoir sa tsraithdhráma Ros na Rún, atá mar láithreoir agus caitheann na hionadaitheoirí dul i gcion ar na moltóirí.

I measc na moltóirí tá Ciara Newell-ball den ghrúpa Belfire. Tá cuid mhór den domhan síolta aici ag seinm os comhair suas le 250,000 in ionaid ar nós Wembley, Tokyo agus Berlin. Is amhránaí cumasach sean-nóis í Ciara freisin agus cuirfidh a tháthi go mór leis an bpaíneál moltóir-reachta. Siamsaíocht ach go háirithe atá á meas acu agus níl teora leis an sórt siamsaíochta atá uatha- ceol, greanta, draíocht nó damhsa. Beidh corn Glas Vegas agus €1,000 le fáil ag buaiteoir an chomórtais. Tá suim faoi leith ag muintir Cheatharlach sa tsraith reatha le beirt



Ciara Newell ball de Belfire atá ina moltóir

Sean-Nós...Rún Nua do 2010

Anois, agus deireadh tagtha le séasúr na Nollag agus b'fhéidir níos mó méachain á iompair againn uile tar éis na gceiliúrtha go léir, tá deis iontach an dúinn chun fáil réidh leis na punt breise trí steipeanna sa Rince Sean-Nóis a fhoghlaim! Toisc mór-éilimh agus iomhá spleodrach an tsean-nóis de bharr cláracha teilifíse cosúil le Jig Gig, Jigs 'n Reels agus Glas Vegas tá na ranganna ar ais i gCeatharlach ag

tabhairt deis d'fhoghlaimoirí atá ag iarraidh cúrsaí óiche a thógaint suas don bhliain nua. Beidh cúrsaí sé seachtainí do thosaitheoirí á reachtáil in nGaelcholáiste Cheatharlach, Easca ar oícheanta Dé Máirt ó 7.30-8.30 i.n. le tosnú ar Dé Máirt, 19 Eanáir. Tá costas €30 ar an gcúrsa agus beidh an sár-rinceoir Deirdre Tobin, a d'fhreastail i féin ar Scoil Samhraidh

Willie Clancy i Sráid na Cathrach thar na mblianta, mar an teagascóir. Cé go bhfuil an rince sean-nós traidisiúnta dos na réigiúin Gaeltachta, tá sé ag scaipeadh agus ag dul chun cinn go mór timpeall na tíre le roinnt bliana anuas. Is féidir clárú don chúrsa anois le Glór Cheatharlach ar (085) 1340047 nó ar (059) 9158105. Agus clárú sa Ghaeilcholáiste ar (059) 9132130. Beidh fáilte romhat.

Retirement group calls off January meetings

Aughrim

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The Aughrim Retirement Group called off their meetings for January due to the cold and windy conditions in the area.

HARD GOING FOR FARMERS
As Aughrim was in the grip of ice and snow, it was hard on farmers looking after their livestock

SADNESS OVER CHRISTMAS
There was sadness in Aughrim over the Christmas holidays at the news of three deaths in the area: Tom Newsome of Balishal, Aughrim; Tom Murphy of Cronessallagh

and Charles Eric Welsh of Redna Road. Sympathy is extended to all the bereaved.

BINGO, WHIST AND CARDS CANCELLED
The bingo, whist, card games and all other events in the Annacurra Aughrim area were cancelled due to the inclement weather.

A FALL FOR TOM
His wife Ann and his family wished a speedy recovery to Tony Kavanagh of the Arklow Road, who had a fall in his back yard.

Variety concert in George Bernard Shaw theatre on Saturday

Graigucullen/Killeshin

There will be a variety concert in the George Bernard Shaw Theatre in aid of Mag's Leg Fund on Saturday 30 January at 7.30pm. Fourteen local artists and groups will perform and a fantastic night is promised. Tickets, at €15 are available from the box office or from Vonnice Bolton at 086 3629516.

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LA LECHE LEAGUE
The La Leche League will hold the monthly informal meeting on Thursday 21 January at 10.30am in 32 Cill an Oir, Graigucullen. The topic is *Advantages of Breastfeeding for Mother and Baby*. The meeting is open to all women interested in breastfeeding. Babies are always welcome. For further details, please contact Monica on 059 916 3019 or Christine on 059 9377 835 or on the general Carlow group number 086 1247822