Community on red alert for Bigstone seminar

Baltinglass

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OVER thirty community alert groups from counties Wicklow, Carlow and Kildare will congregate in Bigstone at 7.30pm on Thursday 14 October for a seminar on safety, first aid, health and mental health. Chaired by Noel McCarthy of Muintir na Tire, the seminar will be attended by chief superintendents from Kilkenny, Carlow and Naas. The fire service will be present and a demonstration will be given on how the Bigstone Community Alert phone is used to pass on vital information to the community. First Aid certificates will be presented during the evening to 'Bigstoners' who have completed the course recently.
All are welcome and refreshments will be served. For more details call 087-240-8542

THANKSGIVING MASS
A Harvest Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church, Baltinglass at 11am on Sunday 16 October.

MISSION MONTH
Ever wondered what a missionary actually does in Africa? Many of them have faced great difficulties with fortitude.
To find out more about their work you are invited to view a small exhibition at St Patrick's Missionary Society in Kiltegan, which depicts the lives of men and women who went to spread the Gospel.
The exhibition is open on Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 October.

CELTIC CHALLENGE
Donard riders were among the ILDRA (Irish Long Distance Riding Association) team to bring back the Celtic Challenge Trophy to Ireland from the international contest in Builth Wells, Wales on 28 September.
They returned home in triumph on 3 October.
The annual contest is between teams of long-distance equestrians from Scotland, Wales, England and Ireland.
Brona Kearney on 'Charmer' (Dunlavin) and Gillian Moody on Edward Allen's 'Pepperjack' (Donard) were among the six member team.

DONARD FOR 2012
Donard will play hosts to the 2012 nternational long-distance equestrian challenge next year with riders congregating from Cornwall, England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

WATCH THE RUT
Wicklow Mountain National Park staff will be setting up telescopes for the public between 11am and 4pm on Saturday 15 October to watch the wild deer rut from the Spinc walking trail.
County Wicklow is home to a large population of wild deer and this is a golden opportunity to watch them at their most active.
To get directions to reach the telescopes call in at the Upper Lake information office.
The unescorted walk takes about three hours so may be too long for young children.
Hiking boots and rain gear are recommended and bring along your binoculars.
Booking is not necessary for this free excursion but call 0404-45656 (weekdays) and 0404-45425 (weekends) for more details.
Remember that the Wicklow County Council charges €4 for parking.

VEGETABLE SALES
Freshly dug potatoes and a variety of other vegetables are on sale every weekday in the Tearmann Community Garden in the same grounds as the KARE centre, Baltinglass between 10am and noon.

TICKETS
If you ever wanted to trace your family tree but didn't know where to start here's an opportunity (if you are over 50) worth grabbing.
A genealogy stand will be set up under the banner *Back to Our Past* at the RDS Dublin show on the weekend of 21 to 23 October and Baltinglass and District Active Retired Association has obtained a limited number of free tickets for you to go along. Call Mary 087-299-9571 as soon as possible as tickets are being snapped up.

BINGO
Last Monday the Baltinglass bingo jackpot had grown to €875. You are welcome to come along to these sessions which meet at 8.30pm every Monday night in the Fatima Hall, Baltinglass.

Glór Cheatharlach

An Ghaeilge ar an Scaileán Mór

TÁ an-áthas ar Glór Cheatharlach taispéantas Gearrscannáin Ghaeilge a reachtáil san Amharclann George Bernard Shaw mar chuid d'Fhéile an Fhómhair i mbliana. Beidh neart tallainne á thaispeáint ó aisteoirí agus stiúrthóirí den scoth le Brendan Gleeson ina measc.

Tógann Brendan an phríomhról i 'Cáca Milis' (2001), scéal dorcha ach greannmhar. Insíonn an scannáin seo scéal teagmháil chinniúnach idir bhean óg agus fear dall ar thraein. Bíonn sise ag iarraidh a leabhar a léamh, is mian leisean dreas comhrá a dhéanamh. Tuigeann sise nach dtabharfaidh sé aon suaimhneas di. Tosaíonn cantal ag teacht uirthi...

Insíonn 'Spota' (2006) scéal fear amháin agus a mhadra...ach faigheann Seán amach nach cara dílis chách é an madra Spota. Is léir dó é seo nuair a chuireann Spota isteach go tubaisteach ar gach ghné de shaol Sheáin.

I 'Gafa' (2006) tá Úna trína chéile. Tá a buachaill geallta le bean eile. Agus í ag obair mar aeróstach, níl le feiceáil thart uirthi ach lánúineacha shonasacha. Na mílte troigh os cionn na farraige di, tá sí dubh dóite den iomlán. Tugann sí léim. Is anois i ndáiríre a chuirtear tús lena scéal!

An mothaíonn tú riamh go mbíonn duine éigin ag caint fút? Gearrscannán grinn agus glic faoi pholaitíocht theanga in Éirinn sa lá atá inniu ann ata ins 'Na Fíorghael'.

Beidh na scannáin seo uile le feiceáil ar scáileán mór na hamharclainne ar an gCéadaoin, 12 Deireadh Fómhair ag 11.30r.n. agus iad oiriúnach do dhaltaí sinsearach iarbhunscoile. Is féidir ticéid @ €2 a chur in áirithe don seó ach glaoch a chur ar Glór Cheatharlach ar (059) 9158105 nó (085) 1340047.

Ceolchoirm Cheatharlach ar son na Somáile

IS in olcas atá an gorta agus an triomach ag dul sa tSomáil agus tugann na Náisiúin Aontaithe le fios go leathfaidh an gorta níos measa fós muna gcuirfear cabhair éigeandála ar fáil gan mhoill. De bharr an triomaigh is measa le seasca bliain ag Corn na hAfraice tá ganntanas mór millteach de bhia sa tír. Ón uair gur fógraíodh an gorta an samhradh seo fuair na mílte míle duine bás de bharr easpa bia agus tá na páistí ag fulaingt go trom mar gheall ar dhrochchothú. Is truamhéileach na radharcanna atáimid ag fáil ar uafáis na Somáile ó lár an tsamhraidh nuair a thug Mary Robinson, Iar-Uachtarán na hÉireann, cuairt ar an tír. Ba léir an fhírinne i súile na leanaí agus ar aghaidh an iar-uachtaráin. Bhí an-imní uirthi faoin méid a chonaic sí. Tharraing sí aird an phobail ar an tír sin i 1992 nuair a thug sí cuairt ar an Somáil agus í ina huachtarán. Beagnach scór bliain ar aghaidh agus is in olcas atá cúrsaí imithe.

Creidtear go bhfuil tionchar ag an ngorta áirithe seo ar 13 milliún duine agus is gasúir iad leath daoibh. Tá na mílte teifeac ón tSomáil ag éalú ón ngorta uafásach go campaí dídeanaithe, campaí atá plódaithe cheana féin. Tuairiscítear go bhfuil breis is 1,000 duine ag bogadh ón tSomáil chun na Aetóipe agus na Céinia in aghaidh an lae. Dar le hurlabhraí Trócaire tá scéalta uafásacha cloister acu ó na daoine atá ag sroichint na gcampaí, scéalta faoi pháistí agus faoi sheandaoine ag fáil bháis ar an mbealach go dtí na campaí toisc iad a bheith ró-lag chun siúl níos mó. Ní raibh a dóthain báistí in oirthear an hAfraice le breis is bliain agus tá na milliúin ag braith ar chabhair bhia.

Tá na milliún euro ag teastail ó na Náisiúin Aontaithe chun iarracht a dhéanamh dul i ngleic leis an ngorta agus tá na heagraíochtaí cabhrach ar nós Trócaire, Concern agus Oxfam ag impí ar an gcomhphobal idirnáisiúnta cúnamh a chur ar fáil go prainneach de bharr na géirchéime daonna. Fiú agus fadhbanna airgid ag chuile dhuine i laethanta seo na géirchéime eacnamaíochta, níl teorainn le flaithiúlacht na nÉireannach. Thar thréimhse cúpla mí thug muintir na tíre seo €12 milliún chun cabhrú leo siúd atá ag fulaingt go dona sa tSomáil. Is léir go bhfuil an-suim ag na Gaeil sa scéal seo. Seans go n-aithnímid go rabhmar féin, a bheag nó a mhór, sa chás céanna céad go leith bliain ó shin. Beidh deis ag muintir Cheatharlach cabhrú le muintir na Somáile an tseachtain seo trí thacaíocht a thabhairt do cheolchoirm dar teideal Carlow Aid for Somalia a reachtálfar in amharclann G.B. Shaw mar chuid d'imeachtaí Fhéile an Fhómhair. Cuirfear ceolchoirm den scoth i láthair ar an Déardaoin,13 Deireadh Fómhair. Beidh rogha agus togha amhránaithe, ceoltóirí agus rinceoirí ar an stáitse agus rachaidh fáltais uile na hoíche chun cabhrú leo siúd atá i gcruachás sa tSomáil. Is é €10 an táille agus tá Glór Cheatharlach ag impí ar dhaoine ticéid a cheannach le cinntiú go mbeidh an amharclann lán agus lear maith airgid ag deireadh na hoíche. Is féidir ticéid a chur in áirithe ach dul i dteagmháil leis an amharclann ar 059 9172400. Beidh ionadaí thar cheann Trócaire i láthair ar an oíche chomh maith. Ceatharlach ar son na Somáile an Déardaoin seo. Bí ann gan teip!

Tá ocras ar pháistí seo na Somáile

Gach eolas ar imeachtaí Gaeilge ó:
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BUNCLODY LIBRARY
Celtic Rathskallions is a festival of Canadian music and folktales bringing Celtic-rooted music, song, dance, stories and culture which takes place in Bunclody Library on Wednesday 2 November at 11.30am. This festival is suitable for all ages. On the same date, at 3.30pm is the pumpkin on a plate event. This promises to be a fun afternoon of ceramic plate painting suitable for 6-12 year olds. Wexford Library Service and FAS are collaborating to offer online courses free of charge for those who would like to improve their computer and administrative skills. A range of courses are on offer in Bunclody Library including ECDL, Microsoft Word and Excel and finance fundamentals. The Library also hosts Reading Groups for adults and children. Contact library staff for details. Regular events at Bunclody library include story-time for under 7s on Wednesdays at 4 pm where youngsters have fun colouring and listening to popular stories and rhymes! The Library also has board games available for people to play in the comfortable surroundings on Bunclody Library! All are welcome and admission to these events is free. Drop into the library to register or contact Bunclody Library at 053 9375466 for more details.