

News

Galway's 2013 People of the Year will be honoured at gala ball

THE winners of this year's Rehab Galway People of the Year Awards have been announced and the awards will be presented at a Gala Banquet on Friday November 1. The awards honour a number of groups and individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the community at local and national level and abroad. Among those who will be honoured is Milltown's Frank Glynn, who has been at the forefront of community development in the village on the N17 for well over half a century.

The groups to be honoured include the North Galway Friends of Belarus, the Ballymacward Hall Committee and the Wild Swans Drama Group.

Individuals include Aine and Mary Booth and Lisa Landers,

from Caltra, who have raised funds for Cystic Fibrosis (CF); John Crumlish and Paul Fahy of the Galway Arts Festival; Sister de Lourdes Fahy, the local historian and genealogist from Gort; Marie Harrington, who works for several Galway city charities; Paul Hayes and Stephen Macken of the Sunni Mae Foundation; Noel Meehan, deeply involved in saving sight in the Third World; and Prof Tim O'Brien of REMEDI (the Regenerative Medicine Institute) at NUI Galway.

Citations

The following are extracts from some of the citations for local winners.

Frank Glynn

BORN in Kilkerrin, Frank Glynn took over the running of the family business in Mill-

town in 1955, and immediately got involved in community projects and his commitment in making Milltown a better place has never wavered. Milltown has competed in the Tidy Towns competition, and with Frank Glynn's drive, enthusiasm and commitment the village has been Galway's tidiest town on ten occasions. Frank also served on Galway Co Council, and in his capacity as chairman he was proud to welcome Pope John Paul to Galway in 1979.

Friends of Belarus North Galway

THE Friends of Belarus North Galway Group was established in 2004. The group comprises carpenters, plasterers, plumbers, electricians, and general handymen. Each year they travel to orphanages and hospitals in Belarus

and Russia undertaking building and renovation projects. What is notable and most laudable is that the group utilise their own holiday time to undertake those annual trips, and pay for their own flights. They also actively fundraise to purchase the materials to complete the work.

Aine and Mary Booth and Lisa Landers

AINE and Mary Booth and their friend Lisa Landers have made a massive contribution to generating awareness of Cystic Fibrosis and raising much needed funds. In 2011 and 2012 they organised an entertaining day out for local people with approx 500 people participating in a 30km cycle from Caltra, to Newbridge, Mountbellew, and back to Caltra. They raised €60,000 and the money has



FROM Milltown at the announcement of the Rehab Galway People of the Year 2013: Proinnsias Glynn, Barbara Glynn, Sean Nestor, Padraic Flannery, Liam Glynn, Brid Glynn, Mary Glynn, Frank Glynn, Frances and Tony Murphy.



MEMBERS of the Friends of Belarus North Galway Group pictured at the Rehab Galway People of the Year 2013 in the Galway Bay Hotel on Thursday.

helped to improve facilities for children and young adults with cystic fibrosis in Galway.

Ballymacward Hall Committee

THE local community centre lay idle in Ballymacward for

20 years and was falling into disrepair, when a group of people came together formed a committee and secured a lease from the trustees of the hall and ran a dance there. They then organised youth discos every month which



MARY Booth, Mary Lane Heneghan, Geraldine Lohan, Aine Booth, Mary Booth, Lisa Landers and Margaret Booth at the Rehab Galway People of the Year 2013.

raised the necessary funds to re-roof and totally refurbish the hall. The whole community in Ballymacward now reap the benefit of the vision, commitment, hard work and dedication of this hard working hall committee.

For more information on the Banquet and presentation or to book a table or individual tickets contact Rehab Care Galway on 091 756653 or phone or text Ollie Robinson at 087-2437009 or email ollie2robinson@gmail.com.

Friday September 20th
The Rambling Rogues

Saturday September 21st
Rí Rá (original members!)

Sunday September 22nd
All Ireland Final Mayo v Dublin and also Man United v Man City followed by Mad Trad with **"The High Kings of Connaught"** from 6pm onwards

Come to Tuam this weekend for our Annual Trad Fest with plenty of fun & frolics and mighty steam!

"Come for the craic and you'll be back"

Thousands head to for Tuam Trad Fest

By Tom Gilmore

THOUSANDS of people from all over Ireland and some from abroad are expected to throng the streets and venues in Tuam for the annual Trad Festival this weekend.

While the two major events are a concert with top Trad and Folk group Shaskeen on Friday night in the Ard Ri Hotel and a Céili mór the following night with Is Feidir Linn at the same venue, the whole town will be buzzing with music sessions, busking, music workshops, CD launches and cultural events from Friday evening right through to the early hours of Monday morning.

The festival will be officially opened by Mayor Imelda Kelly in The Corralea Court Hotel at 7 pm on Friday and while the concert with Shaskeen starts at 9 pm, there will also be music sessions in ten other venues around Tuam that night.

The music workshops will start early on Saturday morning and there will also be an art workshop for children in the Town Hall from 9 am.

The senior musician and young musician of the year awards are sponsored by AIB and Tuam Chamber of Commerce respectively, St Jarlath's Credit Union has sponsored the music workshops, while Ulster Bank, O'Toole's SuperValu, Joyce's Supermarket and Transitions Optical are just some of the major businesses who are also sponsoring events.

"We are very grateful to all our sponsors who are supporting us again this year and to those who have been so supportive of us in the past," says chairperson and festival co-ordinator Ann Coen.

While admission to many of the events is free, the two main music shows: the concert with Shaskeen and the céili with Is Feidir Linn, also featuring some members of Shaskeen and others, both have a very modest admission fee of €10.

Among the musicians will be Ena O'Brien from Canada, Dick Hogan from Tipperary and countless players from all over Connacht. There will be sean nós dancing with Eimear Mulvey as well as art exhibitions and other side-

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shows. Festival menus will be available at venues in the town and the music work-

shops in the Mercy Convent on Saturday with some of Ireland's top traditional players are expected to be a big attraction.

Tuam Trad Festival should be a big boost to businesses in Tuam at the end of the tourist season and the thousands that will throng the town's streets should add a carnival atmosphere, which everyone hopes will be capped on Sunday evening with mighty craic and celebrations when neighbours Mayo - hopefully - win the Sam Maguire Cup in Croke Park.

Tuam Trad Festival 2013
20th - 22nd Sept

WORKSHOPS
FEE: €20.00 - SATURDAY, 21st Sept, 11am - 1pm
Mercy Convent Primary School, Dublin Rd, Tuam.

- BanjoTom Cussen
- FluteEamon Cotter
- AccordianGerry Hanley
- Bodhran.....Johnny Donnellan
- Fiddle.....Aine McGrath Drooney
- Concertina.....Bernie Geraghty
- Tin Whistle.....Geraldine Cotter
- Uilleann Pipes.....Pat Broderick
- Traditional Singing.....Dick Hogan
- Séan Nós Dancing.....Eiméar Mulvey

Registration 10.30 am

TUAM TRAD FEST SEPT 20TH - 22ND

FRIDAY, 20th Sept., 2013

6 pm Official opening of Art Exhibition in Town Hall by **Town Mayor Imelda Kelly**

7.00pm Official opening by **Town Mayor Imelda Kelly** featuring All Ireland Champion Musicians 2013 and a host of both local and national musicians. **Hall of Fame Award**. Corralea Court Hotel.

9 p.m. **SHASKEEN IN CONCERT**. Ard Ri House Hotel
Tickets available on the door. Admission €10.

9.30pm **PUB SESSIONS**
Treaasa Canney & Pat SweeneyThe Bridge Bar.
The Rambling RoguesThe Brogue
Bryan Duggan & FriendsCanavans
Trad SessionCellar Bar
The Kings of ConnaughtHarpy's Bar
The Whiskey RoversMcDonagh's Bar
Michael Howley & FriendsReapy's
Matt KeaneThe Thatch Bar
Ann Kirrane, Gerry Hanley, Neillidh Mulligan,
Regina Loughnane & FriendsCorralea Court Hotel
CULTURE NIGHT with the Broderick
Family & FriendsRustic Vaults.

SATURDAY, 21st Sept., 2013

9-10.30am **Kiddies Art Workshop**. Town Hall
FREE ADMISSION

9-1pm **Galway Bay F.M live broadcast**

11-1pm **Kiddies Sean Nos and Ceili Workshop**.
Mercy Primary School
FREE ADMISSION

11-1 pm **Traditional Music, Singing & Dance Workshops**.
Mercy Primary School.

2.00pm **Workshop Recital**. Corralea Court Hotel

3 pm **FINALS OF YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR**
Ard Ri House Hotel, Milltown Road, Tuam.

3pm **Live Music**. Tuam Shopping Centre, Abbey Trinity

3 pm **CD Launch** by **Enda Sheery**. Canavans
An accomplished musician from Westmeath.

4.00 pm **"The Gathering Session"** with **Ena O'Brien & Friends**.
All The Way From Toronto, Canada. Corralea Court Hotel

5.00pm **Bryan Duggan & Friends**. The Rustic vaults

6 pm **The Hogan Collection**.
Launch by **Tipperary Man Dick Hogan**.
The Abbey Music Bar & Café.

9.30 pm **CEILI WITH IS FEIDIR LINN**.
Ard Ri House Hotel
Tickets available from Hotel. Adm: €10.00

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Ri RaThe Brogue
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Paddy Costello and Dick HoganCanavans
Trad SessionCellar Bar
Bryan Duggan & FriendsHarpy's Bar
Norman Kelly & FriendsMcDonagh's Bar
CD launch by Colm NaughtonReapy's
Eamonn Kitt & Pat SweeneyThatch Bar
Roxanne Meehan CD Launch and GigThe Rustic Vaults
Corralea Court HotelJust Duet

SUNDAY, 22nd Sept., 2013

10.00pm **Traditional Music Breakfast**. €5.00PP
Brodericks & Friends. Corralea Court Hotel
EVERYONE WELCOME

12.30pm **Lackagh Comhaltas Group**. Corralea Court Hotel

12.30pm **Glor na hOige**. Ard Ri Hotel

5 pm **An afternoon of music & song** with **DON STIFFE**.
The Abbey Music Bar & Cafe. FREE ADMISSION

5.30pm **Members of Ri Ra**. Canavan's

5.30pm **Ray Coen & Ian Beordley**. The Brogue

5.30pm **Michael Howley & Friends**. Corralea Court Hotel

6.30pm **Linda Martin School of Dancing Exhibition**.
Corralea Court Hotel.

8.00pm **Kevin Kealy & Paul Keating**. Corralea Court Hotel

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Trad SessionCellar Bar
The Whiskey RoversMcDonagh's Bar
Anita & Conor Broderick & FriendsThatch Bar
Chris Dronney, Treaasa Canney,
Paddy Costello and FriendsReapy's
Mike StewartHarpy's Bar
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Times and events are subject to change.
Please check our website for updates and announcements
www.tuamtradfestival.com

Corralea Court Hotel

FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER
at 7 pm - Official Trad Fest Opening
at 9.30pm - Music session with **Gerry Hanlon, Pat Sweeney, Regina Loughnane & Dick Hogan**. Draw for 2
All Ireland Tickets in aid of Care for Shane

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER
at 4pm - **The Gathering** - Session in bar with **Emer O'Brien**
at 10pm - **Just Duet**

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER
at 10am - **Musical Breakfast Session**
at 12.30pm - **Lackagh Group Session**
Enjoy Lunch while watching the match.
3 courses only €19.
at 5pm - **Michael Howley** at 9pm - **The Fortunes**

Harpy's Bar
Tullinadaly Road, Tuam

Fri Sept 20th **Kings Of Connacht**
Sat Sept 21st **Bryan Holian & Friends**
Sun Sept 22nd **Mike Stewart & Friends**

We would like to welcome all the musicians to the town and wish Trad Fest 2013 all the best.

ARD RÍ HOUSE HOTEL
Milltown Road, Tuam

Presents
TUAM TRAD FESTIVAL

SHASKEEN
With Special Guests
Sean Nos Dancers
Chloe Feeney & Shane Donnellan
Friday 20th September 2013

YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR
Saturday 21st September 2013
2pm - 5 pm

IS FEIDIR LINN
Ceili Band
Concert
Saturday 21st September 2013

SUNDAY LUNCH TIME
Trad Music Session
By the Fireside.