

Feile Cuan na Scairbhe 2008

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Friday 1 August

6 pm

Scariff Harbour

Festival Opening Ceremony

Official opening of the festival by Belfast-born author Brian Keenan. Music by the Fake McCoys. Floating Theatre performance of *The Sons of Tuireann* by local young people. The M.V. Enterprise barge will be moored in Scariff Harbour in the week running up to the festival and will run drama, art and music workshops for some 60 local young people aged 10 to 13, culminating in this drama performance. To register, call 061 921 685 or 061 921 028.

8 pm

Sacred Heart Church

An Evening with Tommy Fleming

Tommy Fleming is one of Ireland's most successful solo artists. Hailing from Aclare, Co. Sligo, he has established himself as a world-renowned singing sensation with regular tours across Ireland and England, Europe and the United States. Whilst Tommy has been a prolific studio-recording artist, it is his live performances that have made him a popular entertainer. This is evidenced by his sell-out shows and the phenomenal success of his live albums, the multi-platinum *Voice of Hope* and his follow-up live CD *A Journey Home*. Tickets €30 from O'Meara's Pharmacy, Scariff (061 921 028) or Rodgers Off-licence (061 921 012).

8 pm

Fair Green

The Fake McCoys

East Clare-based band playing an eclectic, lively and uplifting mix of Irish trad, bluegrass, country, klezmer, blues and some original material. In the line-up are: Sandy Robinson on banjo, guitar, low whistle, vocals and slide guitar; Ali Roberts on violin; Marcus Hulme on double bass; and Eoin Delaney on guitar, vocals and mandolin.

10 pm

Fair Green

Century Steel Band

This four-piece West Indian band, based in Coventry, UK, have been lighting audiences since they formed in 1982. Originating from the exotic islands of the Caribbean, the band's particular brand of Carib Rock, Reggae and Soca music has made it a firm favourite on the Irish festival circuit. The band has released numerous albums, and their hits have included *Take it easy*, *Some Outa Jail* (released in conjunction with Amnesty International) and the now-famous Reggae version of *The Fields of Athenry*.

Saturday 2nd August

11–5 pm

Scariff Harbour

Waterways Ireland Building Open House

Continuous film showing and display of artwork produced by local young people.

12–6 pm

Fair Green

Street Arts and Crafts Fair

Craft workers, artists, organic growers and food stalls display their wares in this open-air street market. Watch and take part in displays of traditional skills – clay sculpting, wood carving, basket weaving, copper smithing, rustic wood art, felting, herb lore – in conjunction with the Scariff-based Centre for Environmental Living and Training (CELT).

12–4 pm
GAA Park

Family Fun Day

Fun, games and entertainment to appeal to every family.
Dog & String Theatre Company puppet show (two shows at 12.30 and 3 pm).
Fanzini Brothers perform "Deathwish", a 40-minute comedy interactive circus show (1.30 pm).
Ultimate Mega Arena of Fun: slides and different play areas, bungee bull, bouncy castle, costume characters, kids sumo wrestling, Lazer Zone, hotshots football, pony hops.
Under-8 hurling/camogie blitz, hurling penalty shootout and novelty races.
Entry fee €5 per person. Children's entry fee includes a voucher for a Supermacs meal and access to all children's games and entertainment. Tea/coffee, face painting, temporary tattoos and nail painting also available for a nominal charge.

Sponsored by Supermacs

2–4 pm
Tuamgraney

Raheen Oak Wood Walk

Two-hour guided walk of Raheen Oak Wood, accompanied by an expert on local flora, fauna and history of this ancient oak woodland, which includes the 1,000-year-old Brian Boru Oak. Meet at Tuamgraney Heritage Centre at 1.45 pm.

12–5 pm
Connaught Rd

Horse-drawn Harbour Tours

Visit Scariff Harbour the old-fashioned way drawn by two beautiful Clydesdales. Departures every half hour. Tickets €1 from Information Stand on Fair Green.

2–5 pm
Fair Green

Open-air Music Session

Traditional musicians from East Clare come together for a live open-air music session. Kevin Carey on fiddle, Martin Glynn on flute, Doug Gibson on mandola and Clare Carey on mandolin. All musicians welcome to join in.

3–4 pm
Scariff Library

Reading by Brian Keenan

Internationally renowned author Brian Keenan reads from his eagerly anticipated memoirs. Brian Keenan is author of *An Evil Cradling*, a best-selling graphic account of his hostage experience in Lebanon; Turlough, his first novel, which brings together his five years in captivity and the personal life and loves of the blind harpist Turlough O'Carolan; *Four Quarters of Light*, *A Journey Through Alaska*, which he felt called to undertake having read Jack London's *The Call of the Wild* in his childhood. Brian recently returned to Lebanon, a place he came to know and love despite the political and religious complexities. It was prompted by an inner need to reassure his two sons that Lebanon was not an evil place because evil does not endure and to instil in them a passion for issues of justice, freedom and happiness.

4–5 pm
Fair Green

Cooking Demonstration

Thomas Turk, head chef of An Cupán Caifé in Mountshannon, was recently one of six finalists in a nationwide recipe competition sponsored by Fáilte Ireland as part of the Lakelands and Inland Waterways initiative. The Bavarian chef will demonstrate dishes featuring locally sourced, fresh, organic ingredients, including fish from Lough Derg.

8 pm
Scariff Community

College Hall

Comedy Show: "Santa Ponsa or Bust"

Frank Twomey and Pakie O'Callaghan continue their tour of the highly acclaimed and hilarious comedy.

Pakie O'Callaghan is best known for his take-off of Charlie McCreevey on RTE's Bull Island. He has written and performed three one-man shows, including the critically acclaimed *In the National Interest*. He has extensive theatrical experience with a number of leading professional companies and currently plays Bertie Ahern on the Joe Duffy Funny Friday shows.

Frank Twomey has been a professional actor for 25 years. He has appeared in numerous radio and TV productions including *Shortt Circuit*, *Nighthawks* and *Bull Island* and *Bosco*.

Tickets €15, available from Karena's or Centra in Scariff. *This show is not suitable for children.*

8 pm

Fair Green

The Fontains

Limerick-based four-piece cover band.

10 pm

Fair Green

Neil Diamond Tribute Band

All the timeless hits of the best-selling solo artist of the 1990s, famous for his star-spangled jumpsuits and belting anthems such as *Sweet Caroline* and *Cracklin' Rosie*.

Sunday 3 August

11 am

Market House

"Walk for All Ages"

Adults & Children are invited to take a step back in time with a guided walk to the Mass Rock at Cappabane where the Festival Mass will be celebrated at 12.30p.m. or continue along the Sheاون Walk back into Scariff.

For children there will be the usual competition along the way with €200.00 in prizes sponsored by East Clare Way Ltd.

Registration at the Market House from 10 am. Walk commencing 11 am sharp.

11–5 pm

Scariff Harbour

Waterways Ireland Building Open House

As on Saturday.

11 am

Scariff Harbour

Waterways Ireland Boat Tours

Hourly tours by waterbus of the Scariff River and Lough Derg (departures on the hour). Trips offered free of charge.

Sponsored by Waterways Ireland

11 am–4.30 pm

*Carwomore Pier
(Duceys)*

Waterways Ireland Cross-Border Young Anglers' Competition

Young anglers (12–18 years) compete for the David Ervine Perpetual Trophy.

Presentation of prizes by Jeanette Ervine on the main stage at 5.30 pm. Enquiries (061) 921 851.

12.30

Cappabane

Outdoor Mass at Mass Rock

Festival mass at historic site. All welcome. *Weather dependent.*

12–6 pm

Fair Green

Street Arts and Crafts Fair

As on Saturday.

12–3 pm

Riverside Park

Scariff Rugby Club Raft Race

Senior and Under-15 categories, four to a raft. Entry fee €100 per raft for seniors, €50 for Under 15s. Cash prizes offered by Scariff Rugby Club. Barbecue and live music. Enquiries and registration call 087 7729831.

12–4 pm

Riverside Park

Riverside Adventure Activities

Canoeing, archery, climbing wall and a host of other challenges for the actively inclined.

12–4 pm

Riverside Park

Animal Roadshow and Birds of Prey Experience

Mini zoo with array of exotic and unusual animals and birds of prey to view close up, handle and, in the case of the birds, watch them fly.

- 12–5 pm**
Next to Scariff Harbour
- Reconstructed Township Dwelling in support of Niall Mellon Township Trust**
A reconstructed “shack” shows common housing conditions for many South Africans. Plants, books and cakes on sale in the garden. Hosted by Gerry McNamara, veteran volunteer of the Builder’s Township Blitz. For more information 087 289 21 54.
- 12–5 pm**
Capparoo
- Seedsavers Gardens and Orchards Tour**
Free access to the beautifully situated heritage orchards and gardens of the Irish Seed Savers Association. Parking available on site.
- 12–5 pm**
Connaught Rd
- Horse-drawn Harbour Tours**
As on Saturday.
- 1.30 pm**
Fair Green
- Fanzini Brothers “Flaming Rhythms” Show**
Take the tribal rhythms of Africa, mesmeric and ancient, the cool beats of the island of Cuba and the pounding of samba from the favellas of Rio and add an extraordinary display of skills in manipulating fire objects with skill and panache. Circus, fire and percussion are magically intertwined in an adrenaline-pumping show.
- 2.30–5 pm**
Fair Green
- Armagh Rhymers perform The Giant’s Garden**
The Armagh Rhymers are one of Northern Ireland’s most celebrated folk theatre ensembles. They have delighted audiences all over the world with their unique blend of music, drama, song and dance. The masked tradition of “mumming” in Ulster dates back 2,500 years and finds voice in the work of the Armagh Rhymers, who incorporate the old and the new in a variety of different shows.
A children’s mumming workshop will be followed by a performance with the children who took part in the workshop.
- 4.30 pm**
Scariff Harbour
- Floating Theatre Company performs “The Sons of Tuireann”**
Repeat of Friday’s performance.
- 6 pm**
Fair Green
- The Motion Project**
Multi-cultural music collective that aims to address racism and sectarianism in Northern Ireland through improvised and interactive world music experiences.
- 8.00 pm**
Fair Green
- Seamus Begley & Jim Murray**
Renowned accordionist and singer Seamus Begley has reshaped Irish traditional music over the last decade. Hailing from Dingle, he has been described by RTE as “the finest exponent of West Kerry dance music”. He is joined on stage by talented Cork guitarist Jim Murray.
- 9.30 pm**
Fair Green
- Swallow’s Tail Céilí Band**
Named after a popular reel, the Swallow’s Tail Céilí Band is well known to set dancers throughout Ireland for its bouncy rhythm, tight playing and sweet sound. It is also familiar to dancers in England and the United States, after many trips abroad in nearly ten years of playing. Between them, the five gifted band members produce a unique Sligo-Mayo sound, perfectly suited to all set dancers, always consistent and well paced, lively and joyful.

Events and activities may be subject to change.

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