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## **Admiral Brown centre open for information evening this week**

The new Admiral Brown centre will be open for information evening this week Tuesday July 3, Wednesday July 4, Thursday July 5.

The new centre which illustrates Brown's life and deeds is owned and operated by Foxford Resources Ltd. It will also be a centre for research, and the promotion of culture, art, music, tourism and business between Ireland and Argentina.

Over €85,000 was invested by Foxford Resources in the Centre. The Chairman, Peter Hynes, is confident that it will lead to greater economic links. Martin Quinn said it showed Foxford Resources' commitment to the area's future development.

The new Admiral Brown centre the setting for Foxford branch of Comhaltas Ceolteori Eireann. The branch was set up on Thursday June 28 and its first move was to apply to twin with the new Branch in Argentina. Both branches carry the name of Admiral Brown. It is hoped a visit to Argentina will be undertaken in the near future. Vince Ahearn was delighted with setting up of a branch in a town with such a history of music.

The President of the **Admiral Brown Society** promised to help in any way to make the trip possible. He stated the view that people is what keeps the Admiral memories alive and hoped all locals would visit the centre.

### *Fundraising draw to defray costs.*

10 trips for two to Argentina is the prize in a draw to defray costs of the 150 celebrations. The trip which will take place later this year when the county of Mayo will have a new tribute at the grave of Admiral Brown in Buenos Aires. It is hoped the new local Chairman of Mayo County Council will travel in a fitting wrap up to the year 2007.

Tickets will be on sale in shops pubs, and the visitors centre at 10 Euro each.

## **Huge opportunity for Argentine Irish dancer.**

The 30 Argentine musicians and dancers who visited Mayo and then went to Galway, Sligo, Dublin before a wrap-up night in Knockmore had a big boost in Tipperary when they were in the Bru Buru centre of Irish music in CASHEL . Many of the top figures in Comhaltas watched them and one of the dancers was invited on a world tour with the Bru Buru group.

Vince Ahearn of Comhaltas said it showed the standards they were reaching. President of the Admiral Brown society said his belief in them had been vindicated and the initial contact made with such musical chairman as Frank Chambers of

Newport (guitar), Eddie Staunton of Moygownagh, sowed the seeds for this visit. And he hoped in future that the council would encourage and support such visits.

*"They added to every event they attended and I was delighted - however it still baffles me why Irish music was not considered worthy of support by Mayo County Council officers and I hope a more broad minded view will be taken in the future"*

He called for support for the fundraising draw to defray costs and was still hopeful the council may give some assistance.

## **Foxford exiles out in force on the libertad.**

Huge numbers of Foxford people visited the **ARA LIBERTAD** both in Galway and Dublin. The Mayo's were really out in force and it was also heartening to see over 22 schools make the visit in Galway and two made the trek to Dublin.

The president of the Admiral Brown Society JJ O Hara said *this would not have been possible without the huge support of the Mayo Associations in the capital of the west Galway, and Dublin.*

## **Foxford Locals for the High Seas**

Gus O'Hara and Jean and Gerry Beattie were on board the **ARA LIBERTAD** as it left Dublin for the trip to Amsterdam. The captain was very happy with not only the visit but the sheer power of the welcome; it will not be matched by any port in the world. A fitting tribute to all.