

Fleadh Cheoil an Chláir an Tulach 2008 - 18th – 22nd June

Tulla Comhaltas Branch was established on 4th September 1957 in response to a wish from the people of Tulla to host the Co.Fleadh Cheoil in 1958. A very successful Fleadh was held in Tulla that year and this year we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our first Fleadh Cheoil with a wonderful weekend of music, song, dancing, C.D. launches and a concert built into the Fleadh weekend.

Last year our Branch celebrated our 50th Anniversary with a fantastic weekend of music, song and dance – The **Tulla Traditional Music Festival**. So successful was this festival that we have been prompted to make it an annual event. Our 2nd annual **Tulla Trad Festival** will take place on **12th – 14th September 2008**. Special Guest for this years festival is legendary fiddle player **Liz Carroll** who is travelling from Chicago for the weekend.

Renowned fiddle player and gentleman **Paddy Canny** is Hon. Life President of the **Tulla Comhaltas** Branch.

Programme of Events

Thursday 19th – Fleadh Concert in Tulla Courthouse at 8pm

Brian Rooney, Brian McNamara and **Tim Collins** with **Mick Conneely, Lorraine O'Brien** and **Eoin O'Neill**, Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the 1958 Co. Fleadh Including official opening of Fleadh by **Senator Labhrás O'Murchú**,

Friday 20th – Launch of Traditional Irish Music C.D. By **Senator Labhrás O'Murchú** “*Are YOU the Concertina Player?*” - Local Concertina player **Kate McNamara** launches her first C.D. Venue Minogues Bar @ 9pm

Saturday 21st – Fleadh Céili with **Andrew McNamara and Friends**
Venue – Minogues Bar Tulla 10pm C.C. €8

Sunday 22nd – 11.00am Aifreann 1.00PM Singing Session with **Robbie McMahon** at Teach Ól

7.00pm **Gala Open Air Concert With Tulla And Kilfenoa Céili Bands**

Guests **Aiden Vaughan** half-set, brush dancers and sean nós dancers

All set dancers are invited to come and dance Informal sessions in pubs around town Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Anyone wishing to enter one of the competitions at a County Fleadh Cheoil must submit their entry form to the Fleadh Secretary not later than 21 days before the Fleadh date. Entry forms can be downloaded from the Comhaltas website:
<http://media.comhaltas.ie/docs/results/FleadhEntry2008.pdf>

Information on Fleadh Rules is also available from the Comhaltas website:
http://comhaltas.ie/press_room/detail/fleadh_rules/

<http://tullatradfestival.com/>