



Féile

Coventry Irish Festival 2009

Hosted by Coventry Irish Society



Thursday 24th September

ARTHUR'S DAY:

CELEBRATE THE 250th ANNIVERSARY OF GUINNESS

Flannelly's Club, Holyhead Road, 5.45pm – late
Entertainment from Kick the Cann. Guinness only £1.50
Join in an attempt to create the world's biggest toast
to Arthur Guinness at 5.59pm
Free entry, free buffet

Friday 25th September

COMEDY, CRAIC AND CURRY

Flannelly's Club, Holyhead Road, 8pm – late
Comedy from Phil McCulloch, Sean Lewis and Ashley Frieze,
compered by Simon McCarthy
Followed by entertainment from Frankie
Free entry, free curry

Saturday 26th September

MICHAEL COLLINS HERITAGE SEMINAR

The Standard Club, Herald Avenue, Tile Hill, 11am – 3pm
Join us for an afternoon of discussion, presentations and film focusing on Michael Collins,
the statesman who negotiated Ireland's break with England
11am-1pm: Full Irish breakfast served
1 – 3pm: Presentations from Gerry O'Connell, Bill Martin and Nora Owen.
Tickets £6 including breakfast. Available from Coventry Irish Society or on the door

Monday 28th September

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

Hillz Radio, 98.6fm, 12-1pm
Irish community radio show hosted by Colum Nugent and Peter Fitzgerald

MEMORIES OF IRELAND

Coventry Irish Society, 42-44 Hill Street, 2-4pm
Share your stories and memories from Ireland at this regular drop in social group
Free entry. Refreshments provided.

IRISH COMMUNITY MASS

Coventry Cathedral, 6.30 – 7.15pm
Irish memorial and thanksgiving service led by
Rev. Fr Gary Byrne (Dean of Coventry Diocese), Parish Church of Saint Osburgs
Free entry

Tuesday 29th September to Saturday 3rd October

THE JOURNEY: THE IRISH EXPERIENCE OF COMING TO COVENTRY

Civic Centre 2 (exhibition space opposite Herbert Art Gallery)
10am – 2pm
An exhibition of photographs, oral histories and diary extracts from the Irish community in
Coventry, detailing life as Irish person in the city from the 1940s right through to the present
day.
Come and see if you can spot yourself or any family members and friends.
Free entry

Tuesday 29th September

COFFEE MORNING AND TEA DANCE

Quaker Meeting House, Hill Street, 11am – 1pm
Downstairs: Regular drop in coffee morning and social group, with traditional Irish food
tasting
Upstairs: Tea dance
Free Entry. Refreshments provided.

TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSION WITH COMHALTAS

Hearsall Inn, Craven Street, 8.00 – 11pm
Irish music lessons, followed by traditional Irish session with local musicians Coventry
Comhaltas
Free entry

Wednesday 30th September

IRISH FILM SESSION

Inspire Café Bar, Christchurch Spire, New Union Street, 2.30pm
Screening of short film made in Coventry 'Welcome to my Country' by Irish director Les
Doherty, followed by Irish classic 'The Quiet Man' with food and refreshments available to
purchase
Free entry

ALL THINGS IRISH QUIZ NIGHT

Flannelly's Club, Holyhead Road, start time 8.00pm
Test your Irish knowledge with a fun quiz
£1 per person to enter (maximum 6 per team). Free buffet

Thursday 1st October

FAMILY HISTORY

Civic Centre 2 (exhibition space opposite Herbert Art Gallery), 10am – 12pm
Learn how to trace your family roots and discover your Irish heritage
Free entry

COME INTO THE PARLOUR: STORYTELLING

The Black Horse, 73 Spon End, 2-4pm
Join local storyteller and poet Jackie Jackson for an afternoon of Irish folk lore and legend
Free entry. Food specials available.

COMEDY AND CRAIC UNDER THE CANOPY

Bar Eden, Ryley Street
9pm till late
Join Patrick Lennox and award winning comedian and Irish post writer John Ryan for an
evening of laughter, compered by Simon McCarthy
£3 entry (payable on door). Drinks offers all night. Bar snacks available

Friday 2nd October

COME INTO THE PARLOUR: POETRY

The Black Horse, 73 Spon End, 2-4pm
Join local storyteller and poet Jackie Jackson for an afternoon of Irish poetry
Free entry. Food specials available

COVENTRY IRISH SOCIETY GALA DINNER

Saint Mary's Guildhall 7.30pm arrival, 8pm dinner
3 course meal plus entertainment from Christy Pepper
Tickets must be purchased in advance (£25 per person). Available from Coventry Irish Society.

Saturday 3rd October

FAMILY FUN AND HERITAGE DAY

Quaker Meeting House, Hill Street, 12 – 3pm
An afternoon of fun and culture for all the family with performances from the Mary Theresa
McHugh School of Irish Dance and traditional musicians Coventry Comhaltas, family
history and Irish language workshops, poetry and storytelling sessions, traditional Irish food
tasting and children's games and entertainment
Free entry

CELTIC STRANDS

Coventry Central Methodist Hall, 7.30 – 10.30pm
An evening of entertainment and a showcase of Irish talent with traditional musicians
Coventry Comhaltas, Celtica School of Irish Dance, Cork poets Paul Casey and Billy
Ramsell.

Music from Joe O'Donnell's Shkayla

Compered by Finola McDermott
Tickets £5 available from Coventry Irish Society / £6 on the door

Sunday 4th October

BIG SCREEN FOOTBALL: RANGERS V CELTIC

Flannelly's Club, Holyhead Road, 12.30pm kick off

FEILE FINALE

Flannelly's Club, Holyhead Road, 5pm – late
Entertainment from Malachy Cairns 5-8pm and Peter Mylett 8-11pm
Free entry, free buffet

Coventry Irish Society
42-44 Hill Street, Coventry CV1 4AN

Tel: 024 76 256629 Email: cis@covirishsoc.org.uk www.coventryirishsociety.co.uk

ABC PRINT

Printed by ABC Print Ltd. 01432 760700