



# Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlátharta

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November 2013

Tá fáilte mhór ar ais roimh gach duine i ndiaidh briseadh an tSamhraidh, ach go háirithe dóibh siúd atá ag freastal ar ár gcuid ranganna don chéad uair. Táimid ar fad ag tnúth go mór leis an mbliain úr ceolmhar atá amach romhainn.

## Important Dates

Monday Night Classes  
November 4, 11, 18, 25  
December 2, 9

Groups & Bands  
November 8, 15, 22  
December 6, 13

Junior Session  
November 10  
December 15

Adult Sessions  
November 13, 27  
December 11



Junior Session at Darkie Moores—Leixlip

## Classes

We had enrolment night for classes on 9 September. Instrument classes take place on Monday nights from 6pm until 8:30pm in Scoil Uí Dhálaigh. This year 137 people enrolled for classes. We are delighted that we have a strong team of tutors for the forthcoming year:

Concertina: Gearóid Keane

Button Accordion: Dónal O'Grady

Fiddle: James Duggan

Fiddle: Phil Clarke

Tin Whistle: Sinéad Keane

Tin Whistle/Flute: Daithí Ó Cearúill

Tin Whistle/Flute: Elaine Clarke

Banjo: Joe Connaire

Sean nós dancing: Úna Ní Fhlátharta

A special welcome to Dónal, James, and Joe who are teaching for the branch for the first time – all outstanding musicians and we look forward to their input in branch activities.



A special word of thanks to three longstanding teachers who gave great support to the branch and who cannot teach this year – Patsy Toland, Siobhán Grogan and Conal Cuttle. We hope you will be back with us again soon.

The group and band practises started back on 18 October and will be also taking place in Scoil Uí Dhálaigh. Carla Cody will be taking the



U12s and Elaine Clarke will be taking the over 12s. Classes are from 6:30-8:30.

We would like to encourage all members who have been playing for two years to attend the group and band practises - and bring a friend!! These are highly enjoyable evenings and a wonderful social outlet for young people to come together and to enjoy each other's music and company. The groups and bands compete in the Fleadh Cheoil and perform at concerts and events. They introduce discipline, maturity, creativity and confidence into one's playing.

## Junior Session

We had our first junior session of the year on 13 October in the Ryevale Tavern. Many thanks to Elaine Clarke who led the session and to everybody who participated. The next junior session will be held on 10 November at 4pm and will be led by Gearóid Keane & Carla Cody. There will also be a session on 15 December. You will all be contacted by text in advance and the sessions will be advertised at the Monday and Friday night classes.

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Ciarán Fitzgerald 1<sup>st</sup>  
U18 Flute Slow Airs

## Fleadh Results

We would like to congratulate the following people who achieved wonderful success at the 2013 All-Ireland Fleadh in Derry.

Ciarán Fitzgerald – 1<sup>st</sup> U18 Flute Slow Airs

Cormac Keegan – 1<sup>st</sup> U15 Uilleann Pipes

Gearóid Keane – 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Concertina

Áine Fitzgerald – 3<sup>rd</sup> U15 Concertina



Cormac Keegan 1<sup>st</sup>  
U15 Uilleann Pipes

A special mention also to Seán Keane and to Phil Clarke who also competed in the Senior Fiddle competition. This was a wonderful achievement for you all. The branch are very proud of each one of you.

Our dancers also won medals:

Senior Eight Hand Céilí Mixed – 1<sup>st</sup>.

Senior Four Hand Céilí Mixed – 3<sup>rd</sup>

A special word of thanks to your tutors for their hard work and direction – Anna Pegley and Breda Cody. Comhghairdeachas libh go léir!



## Kildare County Board

There has been no date decided yet for the Kildare Country Board AGM as branch AGM's are still taking place. It will take place in December and you will be duly informed. Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlátharta will once again be hosting Fleadh Chill Dara from 8-11 May and we hope to build on last year's success. It has been confirmed that Fleadh Laighin 2015 will take place in Kildare.



## Website

The website is currently being updated so we ask your patience while this work is ongoing. For those of you on Facebook, the branch has a new page which can be found by inserting CCE Leixlip into the search engine. Updates on branch activities will be posted on this. For those of you not on Facebook, text messages and emails will be sent out as usual.

## AGM

The branch AGM took place in the Springfield Hotel on 2 October. We are always searching for new members to come on board, to lend a hand or to share some new ideas.

The following committee was elected for the coming year:

Chairperson	Tommy Conway
Vice-Chairperson	Máire Uí Fhlátharta
Secretary	Bennery Rickard
Treasurer	Margaret Lennon
Auditor	Nóirín Ní Shuilleabháin
PRO	Colm Ó hArgáin
Youth Officer	Ciarán Fitzgerald
Treoraí na Gaeilge	Úna Ní Fhlátharta
Co. Board Delegates	Tommy Conway Máire Uí Fhlátharta
Liaison for Child Protection	Mary Reynolds



## Adult Slow Sessions

The adult slow session runs on a fortnightly basis from September to June in the Ryevale tavern at 8pm. It is a purely traditional session, not a folk session. It is a semi-structured session, in that a portion of the time might be dedicated to the learning of a specific tune or set of tunes, but this is interspersed with the free selection of tunes from the musicians' repertoire.

The objective is to allow improving adult musicians to practice / play with other adults of a similar level of achievement. It is a social event but improves the playing ability of the musician through playing with different musicians on different instruments. This develops the musician's timing and listening.

The profile of those attending is an improving musician with between 2 and 10 years experience learning / playing, with the ability to play jigs and reels at a moderate tempo. Any melody instrument is welcome as are appropriate rhythm or accompaniment instruments.

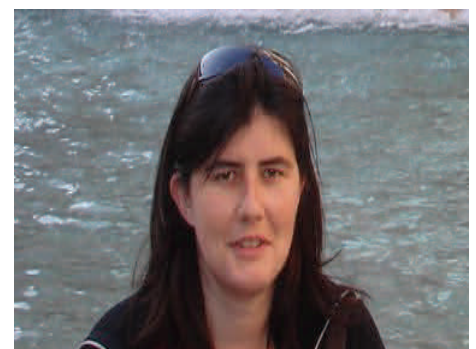
For further information contact:

Hugh O'Donnell  
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## Áine O'Flaherty

The branch would like to sincerely thank Áine for her trojan work over many years. Áine recently stood down from her position on the committee due to work commitments which will see her move to New Zealand. Over the past year and a half, she served as an officer on the committee in an administrative and supervisory capacity. Áine was a constant support to the other officers in the branch. She will be greatly missed by all. We would like to wish Áine the very best of luck on this new adventure.

Go n-éirí leat sa toadhchá a Áine!



## Child Protection

A form will be given to each child to be signed by parent or guardian. The branch would like to use photos and videos of branch activities but must first receive a signed form of consent. There will be a copy a copy of the branch child protection policy on the website soon. Mary Reynolds has volunteered to act as the Designated Liaison Person for Child Protection for the coming year.

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## A Call for Archival Material

The committee would appreciate copies of any material you may have featuring the branch such as photos, videos, articles etc. All material would contribute greatly to the website and to a branch archive.

## Ennis Trad Fest

The Ennis Trad Fest will take place from 7-11 November. This festival is now well established on the traditional music scene. There are session trails, workshops and the finest of music. More information from: <http://www.ennistradfestival.com/>



CCÉ Bheartla Uí Fhlátharta Barbeque –  
Barnhall Rugby Club



Performance  
for Culture  
Night Leixlip  
Public Library



The first  
Junior  
session of  
the year!  
Maith thú  
Elaine!!



Recruitment drive at local Primary schools –  
St. Patrick's Primary school