



# Nuachtlitir an Fhómhair

Táimid anois ag druidim i dtreo na Nollag agus tá súil againn go bhfuil sibh ag baint sult as na ranganna agus as na himeachtaí atá ar bonn. Seo roinnt míreanna eolais faoina bhfuil ar siúl againn!

We are now coming towards Christmas and we hope that you are all enjoying the classes and the various events which we run. Here are a few pieces of information about what's happening!

## Recital - Oíche Cheoil



## Edel Fox & Neill Byrne

**Friday 12 December 2014**

**8pm (Doors 7:30)**

**Leixlip Parish Centre**

**Admission: €10**

**Concessions: €5**

**Mulled wine, mince pies & Christmas Raffle!!**



## Classes - Ranganna

Classes have been ongoing since September and the progress being made by everybody is becoming very apparent as the weeks go by. We are delighted to have such a strong team of tutors - each of them outstanding musicians and we thank them for their dedication and for their input in branch activities.

Group	Tutor
U12	Carla Cody
12 - 15	Finóla Lawlor
15 - 18	Colm Ó hArgáin

The group and band practises started back on 3 November and also take place in Scoil Uí Dhálaigh. We would like to encourage all members who have been playing for two years to attend the group and band practises. 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.

Instrument	Tutor
Fiddle	James Duggan
Fiddle	Phil Clarke
Concertina	Gearóid Keane
Button Accordion	Dara Costello
Whistle / Flute	Elaine Clarke
Whistle	Daithí Ó Cearúill
Banjo	Eoin Hackett
Tin Whistle	Sinéad Keane
Sean Nós Dancing	Úna Ní Fhlatharta



## Slow Session - Seisiún Mall / Grúpa Ceoil Sinsearach

The slow sessions resumed on Wednesday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> with a slightly different format to last year. James Duggan will be leading the session from 9 - 10, and during this time he will introduce a tune for learning and lead the session. From 8:30 - 9, the session will be open to everyone who is down, as will the last period, from 10 - 10:30 (or later if anyone wishes!!). James has asked that everyone brings a recording device.

The idea is that after Christmas, the sessions will morph into practice for the grúpa ceoil, and the tunes learned over the 6 sessions will form the basis for the repertoire for the grúpa ceoil. The objective is to allow improving adult musicians to practice and to play with other adults of a similar level.

It is a social event but improves the playing ability of the musician through playing with different musicians on different instruments. This also develops the musician's timing and listening. The profile of those attending is an improving musician with between 2 and 10 years experience learning and 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.

Please note that this is a purely traditional session and not a folk session. There is a cost of €25 for the term or part thereof to cover the cost of the session. Any surplus will be used against costs in the second semester.

The following dates are planned up until Christmas:

November: 26  
December: 10

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## Junior Session - Seisiún na nÓg

We've had two junior sessions so far which took place on 2 & 16 November in the Salmon Leap. Many thanks to James Duggan, Gearóid & Sinéad Keane who led the sessions and to everybody who participated. The next junior sessions will be held on 30 November & 14 December from 6:30-7:30 at a moderate pace and from 7:30-8:30 for the more competent. You will all be contacted by text in advance.



## Annual General Meeting - Cruinniú Cinn Bhliana

The branch AGM took place in the Springfield Hotel on 1 October. It was a productive meeting in which the past year was reviewed and there was productive debate regarding future branch activities. If you were unable to attend the meeting it is not too late to get involved for the coming year. We are always searching for new members to come on board, to lend a hand or to share some new ideas. A new and vibrant committee was elected on the night.

We'd like to thank Tommy Conway for all his hard work during the past 3 years as Chairperson of the branch. Tommy did a huge amount of work and will thankfully be staying on as Vice Chairperson. Many thanks also to our outgoing Secretary, Bennery Rickard and to Noreen Ní Shúilleabháin who was Auditor.

Breda Cody was elected as Chairperson of Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta on the night. Breda has been involved with this branch since it's foundation in 1981.

*"I was a founding member and have continuously worked with the members for 34 years, I have held the posts of Secretary and Treasurer over the years, Chairperson was the only post I did not hold until now".*

*"With dedication, hard work and encouragement each committee member will play a meaningful role in promoting the advancement of every pupil in our classes".*

Breda has already hit the ground running and invites everybody to attend the Christmas recital to meet old friends and to make new ones.

*"Classes aside, the most important aspect of Comhaltas for me over the past 34 years has been the friendships developed and I look forward to meeting as many branch members as possible at our Christmas Recital".*

Chairperson	Breda Cody
Vice Chairperson	Tommy Conway
Secretary	Carla Cody
Treasurer	Margaret Lennon
PRO	Colm Ó hArgáin
Auditor	Máire Ní Fhlatharta
Treoraí na Gaeilge	Úna Ní Fhlatharta
Oifigeach na nÓg	Ciarán Mac Gearailt

Event	Date
Kildare County Board AGM	10/12/2014
Ceardlann an Earraigh	28/03/2015
Fleadh Cheoil Chill Dara - Kilcock	22-26/04/2015

## SESSION - SEISIÚN



The Salmon Leap Inn  
Every Monday  
21:45

**Bígí Linn!!**



Members of the branch and of the band 'Na Rógairí' performing at the National Ploughing Championships. L-R: Emmet O'Toole, Conor Garry, Ciarán Fitzgerald, Cormac Keegan, Áine Fitzgerald

## Leinster Fleadh - Fleadh Cheoil Laighean 2015

The 2015 Leinster Fleadh will be taking place in Maynooth from July 8-12. An event such as this takes a lot of planning and work, and as always with Fleadh and CCÉ events, we rely on voluntary work and on goodwill from people. There will be many events such as fundraisers happening throughout the year and your support will be much appreciated. The Executive Committee was elected on 9 October and there are still positions available on subcommittees. If you have a particular expertise or interest in an area, you will be very welcome to help out!! The Fleadh is organised through teamwork. There won't be a burden of work on anybody working on the subcommittees. The next meeting for the Leinster Fleadh will be on 30 November at 8pm in McMahon's Pub, Maynooth.

Chairperson	Seán Tracey
Vice Chairperson	Mary Mallon
Secretary	Angela Tracey
Treasurer	Noreen Ní Shúilleabháin
PRO	Colm Ó hArgáin



**Beartla Ó Flatharta Céilí Band**

## Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2014

Another wonderful Fleadh was had by all in Sligo and once again the branch exceeded all expectations with representation in 22 different competitions. Congratulations to everybody who took part and especially to our medal winners. Most importantly however, we all had a wonderful time playing music, singing and dancing, meeting old friends and making new ones. Sligeach 2015 abú!!

Whistle (15-18)	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Ciarán Mac Gearailt
Uilleann Pipes (15-18)	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Cormac Keegan
8 Hand Céilí (Mixed) (O18)	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta

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