

# LÉIM AN BHRADÁIN CCÉ

Craobh Bheartla  
Uí Fhlatharta

Nollaig 2013

Eanáir 2014

Ba mhaith leis an gcoiste beannachtaí na Nollag a ghuí ar na baill uile den chraobh. Tá súil againn go mbeidh Nollaig álainn agaibh agus go mbeidh sibh ar ais ag tacú linn arís in 2014!

The committee would like to extend our Christmas wishes to all members of the branch. We hope you have a lovely Christmas and that you will be back supporting us once again in 2014!

## Important Dates

### Monday Night Classes

December 2, 9

January 13, 20, 27

### Groups & Bands

December 6, 13

January (tbc)

### Junior Session

December 15

January 12

### Adult Sessions

December 11

January (tbc)

### Ó Mongáin Recital

December 13

### Xmas Session

December 15

### The Wren

December 26

## Recital - Oíche Cheoil

### The Ó Mongáin Family

Leixlip Parish Centre

Friday 13 December

8pm (Doors 7:30pm)

Entry €10

Concessions €5

We are delighted to announce that Mayo brothers, Seamus, Fiachna & Ferdia Ó Mongáin will be performing at a recital in Leixlip Parish Centre on Friday, 13 December.

Seamus, Fiachna and Ferdia Ó Mongáin are musicians from Dumha Thuama, North West Mayo. They were strongly influenced by the music and musicians from their locality such as Paddy Mills and Joe Carey. The brothers have performed for numerous radio and television programmes including Geantraí, Gradam Ceoil TG4 and RTÉ Céilí House. They performed extensively throughout Ireland, Europe and America including appearances at the concert series Tunes in the Church in Galway and The Steeple Sessions in Dublin.

### Seamus Ó Mongáin

Seamus, has been playing concertina for over 20 years now. A highly regarded performer and teacher of Irish



music, he has taught and performed extensively throughout Ireland and further afield into the UK and mainland Europe. He has been highly influenced by music of his contemporaries of North Mayo as well as many others from further afield.

### Fiachna Ó Mongáin

A Button Accordion player, his style is strongly influenced by accordion greats Joe Cooley and

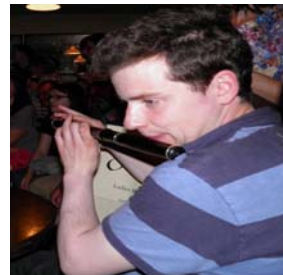


Tony McMahon as well as local musicians from

Mayo. A 3 time all-Ireland champion including the senior title in 2002. He received the TG4 Young Musician of the Year award (Gradam Ceoltóir Óg na Bliana) and was a guest artist on the acclaimed CD Tunes in the Church.

### Ferdia Ó Mongáin

A Flute and Tin Whistle player who learned his music from many great



musicians including June McCormack and Catherine McEvoy. Playing music from a young age Ferdia has played and taught at many music festivals including the Joe Mooney Summer School in Drumshanbo. He was a finalist in the Sean Ó Riada Gold Medal in 2012.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served at the interval & we look forward to seeing you there!!

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## The Wren - Lá an Dreoilín

The Wren (also pronounced as the Wran) is an Irish tradition which originated from the Hunting of the Wrens (Lá an Dreoilín) and is celebrated on 26 December, St Stephen's Day. The tradition consists of "hunting" a fake wren, and putting it on top of a decorated pole. Then the crowds of mummers or strawboys celebrate the Wren by dressing up in masks, straw suits and colourful motley clothing and accompanied by traditional music, parade through the towns and villages. These crowds are known as the wrenboys.



The branch will be 'going on the Wren' this year on Stephen's Day. We will visit pubs in towns including Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth, finishing with a big session in Leixlip that evening.

We encourage musicians aged 15+ to come along including our adult musicians! We will need drivers and money collectors also. This event will be one of our major fundraisers this year and we hope to have all your support.

If you are interested in attending please contact Colm on 087 991 0637. A full plan for the day will be available soon and will be sent to everybody by email and by text. Please keep an eye on Facebook also for updates.



## Xmas Session - Seisiún na Nollag

Our Christmas Session will take place in Barnhall Rugby Club on 15 December at 4pm. This event will also include the Junior Session. There will be plenty of music and craic on the night.

The winner of our Branch Logo Competition will also be announced. This promises to be a great afternoon so get down early to join in the festive spirit!!

## Website - Suíomh Gréasáin



The website is currently being redesigned so we ask your patience while this work is ongoing. We hope to have the new website online early in the new year. The website will have the same name as the previous one - [www.cceleixlip.ie](http://www.cceleixlip.ie).

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.

## Classes - Ranganna

### Term 2 – Registration

To facilitate payment of the second term registration fee, it will be possible to register before Christmas on Monday 9 December. Alternatively registration can be done on the commencement of classes on Monday 13 January.

### Fees (14 Classes)

Branch Members - €84

Non-Branch Members - €92

### Groups & Bands

The branch would like to sincerely thank Elaine Clarke for her work with our bands and groups for the last few years. Elaine recently stood down from her position as U18s tutor due to work commitments.

The branch are currently in the process of filling this role and as a result, the 2014 dates for groups bands have yet to be decided. We will inform all members as soon as a plan has been put in place.

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.

## Adult Slow Sessions - Seisiún Mall

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. Dates for 2014 will be circulated early in the new year.

For further  
information  
contact:

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## Logo Competition - Comórtas Lógó

The branch is running a competition to look for ideas for a new logo. This logo will be used on all branch publications, the website & competition uniforms etc. We are looking for all our talented members to submit designs. The winning design will then be created by a professional graphic designer.

It is important that our branch logo is influenced by the locality, our culture, CCÉ and Irish music, song and dance. The best entries will be shortlisted and a winner will be chosen by an adjudication panel.

The closing date for this competition is 9 December and the winner will be announced at the Christmas Session on 15 December. There is a €50 prize kitty so get designing! Go n-éirí libh ar fad!!!



Logo for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2014

## Kildare County Board / Leinster Council

The Kildare County Board AGM will take place on 5 December in Scoil Dara in Kilcock followed by a session and refreshments in Gregory's. Everybody is welcome to attend.

The Leinster Council AGM will take place in February and we will inform members of the date when it has been decided.

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## Junior Session - Seisiún na nÓg

The sessions have been going very well since the summer with all the young musicians having fun and learning new tunes from each other. Many thanks to all the tutors who led the sessions and to everybody who participated.

The next junior session will be held on 15 December in Barnhall Rugby Club at 4pm.

The first Junior Session of 2014 will take place on 12 January. We will be in touch closer to the time with specific details.

## Frankie Kennedy Winter School Scoil Gheimhridh Frankie Kennedy

Scoil Gheimhridh Frankie Kennedy was established in December 1994 following Frankie's untimely death from cancer in September of that year. The school's vision is to continue his huge contribution to Irish traditional music, especially the music and song of Donegal. This final Scoil Gheimhridh will take place from Friday 27th December 2013 until Wednesday 1st January 2014. All the events will take place in Gaoth Dobhair, Co. Donegal.

Classes will be provided in the following: flute, fiddle, uilleann pipes, tin whistle, bodhrán, button accordion, bouzouki, sean nós singing, house dancing, concertina, and guitar.

More information available from:  
<http://www.frankiekennedy.com>

