



CRAOBH BHEARTLA UÍ FHLATHARTA

CCÉ Léim an
Bhradáin

Feabhra, Márta,
Aibreán 2014

Táimid anois ag treabhladh linn tríd 2014 agus beidh na seachtainí agus na míonna amach roghainn an-ghnóthach. Tóg roinnt ama & léigh faoi na himeachtaí agus faoi nuacht na craoibhe . Mar is gnách, beimid ag brath ar bhur dtacaíocht!!

We're now well into 2014 and the weeks and months ahead will be very busy. Please take time to read about upcoming events and branch news. As always, we will be relying on your support!!

Branch Logo - Lógó na Craoibhe



We are delighted to reveal the new branch logo which was ratified by the committee on 26 February. Congratulations to the winner of our competition - Peter McNamara. A big thank you to Deirbhile Nic Aogáin who came in 2nd place and to everybody who entered. There was a high standard of design with many ideas and different styles. Our new logo is influenced by the locality (salmon), our culture (harp) and Comhaltas. It is a logo of which we can be proud and will serve as an identity for our branch wherever it is seen.

Important Dates

Monday Night Classes

February - 3, 10, 24
March - 3, 10, 24, 31
April - 7, 28
May - 12, 19

(U18 Group will meet on as dates as above—further dates may be added)

Under 12 Group

Feb - 7, 14, 21, 28
March - 7, 28
April - 4, 11
May - 2, 9, 16, 23

Adult Session

February - 19
March - 5, 19
April 2

Siansa

April 6

Mother's Day Cake Sale

March 10

Ceardlann an Earraigh

April 12

Céilí

March 17

Fleadh Chill Dara

May 7-11

Fleadh Laighean

July 12-13

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann

August 10 - 17

Classes - Ranganna



Monday night classes resumed on 13 January and the list of dates are available on the front page. Unfortunately, our banjo teacher Joe Connaire isn't available for this term and we thank him for his work. We would also like to welcome the new banjo teacher, Eoin Hackett.

As most of you know, the branch found it difficult to get a replacement teacher for the Under 18 Group & Band. As a result, Colm Ó hArgáin has agreed to take on the role until the summer. Unfortunately, we had to move this class from Friday to Monday night. We apologise to the people who have found it difficult to attend on a Monday night. We plan on having a new teacher in place for 2014/15 and to revert back to Friday nights.

The Group now meets after the classes in Scoil Uí Dhálaigh from 7:45 - 9:30. There is a supervised homework room available for our students who need to hang around after their classes. The Under 12's are still meeting on a Friday night as usual. There is a room available on Friday nights also for anybody who wants to come down and practise their



Ceardlann an Earraigh



Nell Ní Chróinín

Ceardlann an Earraigh, now in its 16th year, takes place on Saturday, 12 April. The workshops will be held in Scoil na Mainistreach, Celbridge. Registration and grading will take place at 10.45am with the classes following from 11.30 - 4.30.

Refreshments will be provided for all participants during the lunch break. The fee for the workshops is €20 which allows free entry for junior participants to the Grand Concert at 8pm. All of the workshop tutors will perform at the Grand Concert which will take place in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth.

If you would like to book a ticket for the Grand Concert please email nualafkeane@gmail.com. Nuala may also be contacted on 086 842 2437 alternatively. Details can also be found at www.ceardlannearraigh.com

Fees

Dance: €10

Junior: €20 (includes concert)

Senior €20

Grand Concert: €12

Tutors

Nell Ní Chróinín - Traditional Singing
Gerard Butler - Steps & Sets
Triona Nic Aodha - Concertina
Angelina Carberry - Banjo
Declan Folan - Fiddle
Dónal McCague - Fiddle
Noreen Gavin O'Sullivan - Tin Whistle
Sarah-Jane Woods - Tin Whistle
Damien Mullane - Accordion
John Wynne - Flute
Junior Davey - Bodhrán
Caoimhín Ó Feargháil - Guitar Acc.



Damien Mullane

Junior Session - Seisiún na nÓg



The junior 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. We will be in touch regarding dates, times and venues for the next sessions. We also hope to have a joint session with another CCÉ branch before the summer.

Adult Slow Sessions - Seisiún Mall

19 February

5 March

19 March

2 April

The adult slow session will take place on the dates listed on the left in the Ryevale Tavern at 8:30pm. This 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 followed with the free selection of tunes from the musicians' repertoire.

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 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.

For further information, contact Hugh O'Donnell - 087 9091039

Hawaii

We would like to wish the best of luck to members of the branch who are travelling to Hawaii for St. Patrick's Day. We have had an invitation to travel to Hawaii ever since the 30th Anniversary concert at the Springfield Hotel in November 2011. As you all know, the travelling group consists of some of our finest performers and they have blended into a fast-moving and exciting show which is sure to delight audiences in Hawaii.

Bainigí ar fad sult as! Aloha!!



Siansa

Tá áit bainte amach ag Na Rógairí i gCraobh Comórtas Siansa a bheidh ar siúl sa Cheoláras Náisiúnta ar an 6 Aibreán. Comhghairdeachas le Ciarán Mac Gearailt, Áine Nic Gearailt, Emmet O'Toole, Conor Garry agus Cormac Keegan atá sa chraobh againn agus leis an triúr eile chomh maith.

Na Rógairí have been chosen as one of 8 groups to compete in the final of Siansa, which will take place in the National Concert Hall on 6 April. Congratulations to our branch members Ciarán Mac Gearailt, Áine Nic Gearailt, Emmet O'Toole, Conor Garry and Cormac Keegan, and to the three other group members also.



Mother's Day Cake Sale - Díolachán Cístí Lá na Máthar

Calling all bakers, cake decorators, helpers to man stalls, musicians, collectors and candle stick makers. We are running our cake sale again this year due to the great encouragement and help received from our members and sponsors in 2013. We are hoping that you will all help out.

In advance we need:

- Plenty of baked goods i.e. fairy cakes, cup-cakes, brownies, rocky roads, apple tarts, fruit cake or your own family favourite
- Books for our book stall
- Sponsored prizes for our raffle
- Donations from bakeries and Supervalu (Superquinn!) for bread

On the day we need:

- Volunteers to man stalls`
- Young musicians to entertain
- Volunteers to serve tea's and coffees
- Volunteers and musicians to play outside the church to advertise the event
- Clean up volunteers

With the monies raised we hope to invest in hoodies with the branch logo and to revisit our Fleadh costumes for 2014 competitions.

Please text Bennery if you can help in anyway on 086 389 1705.



The 2013 event was a huge success and raised over €900 for the branch



We had a great night at our recital before Christmas. Thanks to everybody who came and to the Ó Mongáin family who put on a great performance.



The OPW are organising a Céilí in the courtyard of the Stable Wing at Castletown, Celbridge on St. Patrick's Day from 1pm to 3pm. Fear a' Tí will be Jerry O'Reilly and the Brian Ború Céilí Band will be providing the music. Fáilte roimh cách!!



Members of the U18 Group performing at the International Friends Group event before Christmas

Fleadh Chill Dara

Fleadh Chill Dara takes place from the 7 - 11 May and will be hosted once again by our branch. The deadline this year for submitting Fleadh entries at classes is 7 April due to the Easter break, however entries may be submitted to the County Board until 14 April. We would like to encourage as many members as possible to take part. Remember that you can participate as a member of a duet or trio as well as solo. Also you can participate in multiple competitions if you happen to play several instruments.

We wish all branch competitors the best of luck and remind you to keep the weekend of 12 - 13 July free for the Leinster Fleadh which will be held in Moate in County Westmeath. You will be all glad to know that the 2015 Leinster Fleadh has been confirmed for Maynooth, which will be a shorter journey than usual!! Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann takes place this year from 10 - 17 August in Sligo, with competitions to take place on the 16 & 17.

Fleadh Chill Dara Events

- 7 May - Recital in the Parish Centre
- 8 May - Singers night in the Courtyard Hotel
- 9 May - Céilí & Session in the GAA Centre
- 10 May - Aifreann Traidisiúnta ag 6.30, followed by a session in Middle Shop
- 11 May - Competitions in Coláiste Chiaráin from 10am followed by the closing Session in Darkie Moores.

(Up to date information will be available closer to the time)

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