



Úna Bhán

Tourism Co-Operative Society

Newsletter

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*Úna Bhán Tourism Would Like To Wish You
All Good Luck And Happiness For 2010*

BOYLE HISTORIC TOWN TRAIL

Úna Bhán Tourism are delighted to announce that their new book 'Boyle Historic Town Trail' is on sale in their Craft Shop in the grounds of King House and other locations around Boyle. The book takes you on an informative historical walk through the streets and landmarks of Boyle Town, including lovely illustrations from past and present.

The publication received grant aid from Roscommon Integrated Development Co. Ltd. under the Rural Development Programme which is financed by the Irish Government under the Rural Development Programme Ireland 2007-2013 and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in Rural Areas.

*Boyle Farmers' Market
Every Saturday (come rain or shine!) in the
grounds of King House,
from 10am until 2pm*

BOYLE FARMERS MARKET - HAMPER WINNER

The winner of Boyle Farmers' Market Christmas Draw was Martin Henry from Boyle, who took home a lovely Farmers' Market basket filled with delicious produce. Throughout the month of December, shoppers at the market had the opportunity to enter the draw, which took place at the special Christmas Market on December 23rd. Martin is a regular visitor to the market and was delighted by his Christmas win.

APPEAL FUND

Local DJ Joe Ryan has events planned for the Niall Mellon Township Trust. He will be attempting to break the Guinness Book of Records longest marathon DJ set, from Tuesday 26th of January at 6pm until Sunday 31st January. This event will take place in The Moylurg Pub, in Boyle. Do come in at some stage and support him & the Trust Fund.

BOYLE AND DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB

2010 will be a special year for the club as they will be celebrating 30 years of angling and social activities since the club was formed in 1980. Plans are already being put in place for the highlight of the angling year which is their annual Easter pike angling competition, which takes place on 3rd and 4th April 2010. A full calendar of events for the forthcoming year will be out by mid Jan.

CURLEW WALKERS

Next outing is on Sunday 10th Jan. Scheduled is a Coastal Walk at Mullaghmore. This will be a Flat Grade C walk with leader Zita Griffin contact 071 9662872. Meeting point will be the Crescent in Boyle at 10.00am. Please confirm times with leaders prior to walks.

New Year Schedule of Courses at Boyle 2000 Roscommon HEC, Elphin Street, Boyle

Digital Photography Course

Camera & Computer (2 Courses each, consisting of 5 Thursday evenings, 7pm - 9,30pm) commencing January 21st (limited spaces)

ECDL (Monday & Wednesday Eves, 7.15 to 9.45pm over 8 weeks) commencing February 15th

Beginners Desk Top Publishing - 1 day Course, taking place on Saturday 7th February 10am - 4pm

Beginners Computer Course - Thursday Mornings 10am to 12noon (5 Thursdays) Commencing Thursday 28th January

Internet & E-mail Course - Thursday evenings 7pm to 9pm commencing 4th February (4 Thursdays)

Train the Trainer Course Fetac Level 6 (3 Full Days) 24th February, 3rd & 10th March

Manual & Computerised Accounts & Payroll Courses Fetac Level 5

Innovative Marketing Fetac Level 6 (3 day Course)

For further detail or to reserve a place:
e-mail info@roscommonhec.com or call 071 9664510

Boyle Care & Repair Service

Are you 60+ years of age ? Do you have any jobs that you are not able to complete yourself (jobs that will not take more than an hour will qualify). We have volunteers and handy persons to carry out this work for you. Our Volunteers are of all ages both male and female and all have been vetted by the Garda. This service is free of charge with clients paying only for materials used. So if that light bulb is flickering or your smoke alarm needs attention don't hesitate to call Care and Repair on 094 96 21644 or call into Una Bhan Tourism in the grounds of King House and they will take your details.

FESTIVAL & CULTURAL EVENTS 2010

Under the LEADER programme there is provision for the funding of community festivals.

Roscommon Integrated Development Company in partnership with Fáilte Ireland and as part of Roscommon Tourism strategy are open for applications for 2010 Community Festivals and cultural events. The primary aim of the Festivals and Cultural Events Initiative is to encourage the spatial spread of visitors throughout the county by strategically investing in attractive and sustainable festivals and cultural events which enhance the local tourism product and in turn expand regional tourism. Festivals are an important component of the cultural tourism product and particularly so when marketed in the right way. Festivals provide opportunities to showcase culture, people and places, provide additional reasons to visit rural areas over and above the normal attractions offered and greatly improve the overall visitor experience of Ireland. Priority will be given to innovate festivals where no other source of funding is available and which have an overall cost in excess of €10,000 with maximum funding being at a rate 75% of eligible costs for community groups. Preference or weighting should be given to new and emerging festivals and also consideration should be given to the number of existing festivals in a given area. The festival committee must also demonstrate the long term sustainability of the event.

The Board of RIDC, in partnership with Roscommon Tourism Action Group aim to develop a Calendar of Festivals and Events for County Roscommon. If your community has a festival or event which has expected expenditure less than €10,000 we would ask that you contact or email Roscommon Integrated Development Company so that we can establish a database and provide this information to the Roscommon Tourism Strategy Group and possible inclusion in our Calendar of Festivals and Events. The closing date for applications for funding for 2010 is Friday January 22nd 2010. For further information, contact, RIDC, Castle St, Ros or call 090 6630252.

LOCAL NEWS

CAMERA CLUB

The next meeting of Boyle Camera Club is on Tue Jan 12th, when Peter will repeat his short slideshow about the planned trip to the Aran Islands in June for the benefit of those who missed it. He'll also be taking deposits for the accommodation then. The Drogheda Photographic Club will be hosting the [Tony Dunne Memorial Salon](#) and encourages all photographers to enter. The closing date for entries is Jan 31st. Rules are here www.droghedaphotographicclub.com

Recycle It

Get your New Year off to a green start by making sure you recycle all your Christmas packaging and greetings cards. Real Christmas trees can also be recycled. Being kind to the environment means recycling all your newspapers, magazines, cardboard boxes, glass bottles and other recyclable household waste at any time of the year. Boyle Recycling Centre in Station Road is open to the public on Mondays to Fridays from 8am until 1pm, and from 1.30pm until 4pm. It is also open on Saturday mornings from 8am until 12.30am. Contact the Centre for details on 071 9664324.

BOYLE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

First meeting of Club in 2010 will be in Boyle Library on Thurs Jan 7th at 6.45. The book discussed this month will be 'Our Man in Havana' by Graham Greene. New members always welcome. Copies of book are available in Boyle Library.

Boyle Ladies GAA

U16 Girls training in Abbey Park training pitch from 6.30pm to 7.30pm every Wednesday and Friday. Eligible players are those born between 1 Jan 1994 to 31 Jan 1995.

BE SEEN & BE SAFE

Now the dark evenings are upon us, beware of the dangers on the roads to cyclists and pedestrians. Be seen by wearing high visibility jackets and a small torch at all times, these are on sale at many local shops & a worthwhile investment.

BOYLE SINGERS NIGHT

First meeting of the year will be in Dodd's Bar, the Crescent, on Saturday January 16th. As always, singers and listeners gather from 10pm onwards for all kinds of informal singing, English and Irish traditional included, mostly unaccompanied. It is an informal group, with no membership and no cover charge. For more details, contact Brid Duffy on 071 9663244

BINGO in Boyle

Tuesday night is bingo night in St Josephs Hall, Boyle, the €1,000 jackpot is still up for grabs for some lucky players, so get yourself there, eyes down at 8.30 Sharp.

Pop in and see our Range of Fishing Tackle in the Úna Bhán Craft Shop, call in anytime and ask for Roy, including new fly stocks, rods & reels



MORE NEWS?

Your news correspondents at Úna Bhán Tourism are always on the look out for interesting items concerning Boyle and its surrounds for inclusion in the local Boyle news columns (we supply Boyle news to six local newspapers) and Úna Bhán monthly newsletter. Please e-mail unabhan3@eircom.net or telephone 071 9663033.