



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007 AUGUST

## **Throughout August**

# Bádóirí Acla Yawl Sailing Festival

Various locations on Achill Island, Co Mayo A series of weekly races including traditional Achill Yawl sailing boats.

Achill Tourism T: 098 47353 E: info@achilltourism.com W: www.achilltourism.com

# **Throughout August**

## **Achill Sporting Club Fishing Competitions**

Keel Lake / Lough Gall, Achill Island, Co Mayo Achill Sporting Club hosts regular fishing competitions in Keel Lake and Lough Gall.

Roger Gallagher T: 098 47204

#### **Throughout August**

#### **Achill Archaeological Field School**

Dooagh, Achill Island, Co Mayo Training school for students and adults in excavation, surveying, photography and field studies with emphasis on

environment – flora, fauna, bog & seashore.

T: 098 43564

E: chris@achill-fieldschool.com W: www.achill-fieldschool.com

#### **Throughout August**

# Seo an tSamhraidh

A summer show with transition year students, to be performed twice a week during the summer. This 2 hour show will feature music, song, dance and drama, to give the visitor a flavour of the area.

Seán O'Coisdealbha T: 086 8557808

# 30th July – 5th August

# **Galway Races Summer Festival Meeting**

Galway Racecourse, Ballybrit, GalwayThe Galway Races Summer Festival Meeting is Ireland's premier racing festival, a unique sporting and social event with thousands of visitors and locals joining together for fantastic racing, betting and socialising over the seven day festival.

T: 091 753870 W: www.galwayraces.com

#### 1st - 6th August

#### Claremorris "Welcome Home" Festival

Claremorris, Co Mayo

The aim of the Claremorris 'Welcome Home' Committee is to encourage the many emigrants and former students of the area to come back from overseas, USA in particular, to meet their former friends, and for their families to become acquainted with their parent's homeland.

Cllr. Tom Connolly T: 094 9362209 / 087 2654860

# 1st – 8th August

#### **Castlerea International Rose Festival**

Castlerea, Co Roscommon

Our opening event is a huge parade entertainment, bands and music. Major golf event, football and soccer matches, an old photo exhibition, and our Rose of Castlerea competition.

Kay Raftery T: 094 9620067







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#### 1st - 29th August

# **Roundstone Traditional Irish Nights**

Roundstone Community Centre, Roundstone, Co Mayo An evening of traditional music, song and dance. Entertainment is provided by local musicians, singers and dancers. Great family entertainment where locals and visitors 'socialise' in a very relaxed atmosphere. It has been described as "the best evening of our holiday!"

Christina Lowry T: 095 35865 E: christinalowry@eircom.net

#### 2nd August

# St. Colman's Senior & Junior Angling Competition

Purteen Harbour, Keel, Achill Island, Co Mayo Senior & junior angling competition with valuable trophies and prizes

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#### 2nd – 6th August

#### **Grainne Uaile Festival**

Newport, Co Mayo

Open-air music each night, children's events including discos. Various activities for all age groups, including sports. Bea Loftus T: 086 1525726.

# 3rd – 6th August

#### **Kilkelly Ireland Festival**

Kilkelly, Co Mayo

Open air music for 4 nights. Childrens' Fun Day on Saturday. Sports for all on Sunday. Market Day on Monday. Ms Anne Glavey T: 094 9367595 / Kieran Tarpey T: 094 9367033

/ Gerry Groarke T: 087 4155508

#### 3rd – 6th August

# O'Carolan Harp & Traditional Music Festival

Keadue, Co Mayo

Concerts, céili, music sessions, International Harp Competition (€ 2,500 in prizes), lectures, craft demonstrations, door dancing, set dancing & harp recitals. Paraic Noone T: 071 9647204 / Margaret Grimes T: 071 9647247

E: ocarolan@eircom.net W: www.ocarolanharpfestival.ie

## 4th - 8th August

#### Siamsa Sráide Street Festival

Swinford, Co Mayo

A street festival depicting the traditions history & music of east Mayo. Open-air céilis, dances, history walks & talks, children's programme, Heritage Day (Tuesday 7th), International Busking Competitions (Wednesday 8th) and 'Lovefest' 24 hour Rock Festival (Sunday 5th)
Bríd O'Connell T: 086 8059172

#### 5th August

### **Gort Show Community Centre**

Gort, Co Galway

Showing classes of home & garden produce, flowers, handcrafts, photography, poultry, dogs, horses & ponies. Vintage displays, trade stands, educations / craft displays, children's entertainment & novelty events.

Amanda Norton T: 091 632405

#### **6th August**

#### **Bank Holiday Fun at Turoe Pet Farm**

Bullaun, Loughrea, Co Galway Live music on Sunday & Monday afternoons Mary Corcoran T: 091 841580

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# 7th - 11th August

# **Galway Cup Festival**

Drom Soccer Park, Drom East, Rahoon, Galway City, Co Galway

High quality football tournament for boys and girls, attracting teams form Ireland, North America, UK, Northern Ireland & Mainland Europe.

Drom Soccer Park T: 091 861 862

E: info@galwaycup.com

W: www.galwaycup.com

# 7th - 14th August

# Aran Islands a la Carte

Inishmore, Árainn, Co Galway

You would like to discover the island yourself, but would appreciate getting advice and tips from an Island expert? This programme caters for both.

Elizabeth Zollinger Jan – June T: 0041 44 2520918 or July – Nov T: 099 61424

E: info@irish-culture.ch

W: www.irish-culture.ch

#### 10th – 12th August

# Mickie Timothy Traditional Music & Set Dancing Festival

Williamstown, Co Galway

This is the 6th Annual Festival and promises to be bigger & better than ever with concerts, céili, workshops, music, dancing & singing sessions as well as busking competitions. Patrick Murray T: 094 9643323 / Mary Whyte T: 094 9643087 / J Morgan T: 094 9643323

## 12th - 18th August

# **Connemara Pony Show & Festival**

Clifden, Connemara, Co Galway

Other events during the week include; Seminar, Reception for International Pony Breeders; and Pony Sales: A week not to be missed for lovers of the beautiful Connemara Pony.

Connemara Tourism T: 095 22622

# 12th – 17th August

# Ceol na Locha Summer School & Féile na Locha Festival

Tourmakeady, Co Mayo

Ceol na Locha classes are held through Irish in a range of traditional musical instrument and in Art 8 Basket Making. In the evenings students are encouraged to participate in the many sessions held in the local pubs.

E: ceolnalocha@tourmakeady.com

W: www.tourmakeady.com/ceolnalocha.htm

#### 18th August

#### **Swinford Agricultural Show**

Swinford, Co. Mayo

A comprehensive showcase of pedigree commercial cattle and sheep classes. Again, we will play host to three Irish Shows' Association national finals. We will have a comprehensive programme of events, including dog, donkey and goat classes, photography, flowers, pets corner, arts and crafts, horticulture, home baking, junior exhibitions, educational and entertainment exhibits.

Marian Nolan-Thornburgh T: 094 9251955 / 087 9356183 E: marithornburgh@eircom.net

W: www.swinfordagrishow.com







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#### 19th August

# **Claregalway Agricultural Show**

Duffy's Claregalway Equestrian Centre, Claregalway, Co Galway

17th Annual Show. 222 classes & numerous sideshows throughout the day, including the Donkey Derby and the Monster Lucky Dip. A great day out for all the family!

T: 086 8365144

#### 19th August

#### **Connemara's Watersports Day**

Glassillaun Beach, Renvyle, Connemara, Co Galway Watersports Day is an annual fundraiser for ISPCC / Childline. Running since 1995 it has raised over € 25,000 to date. Events include scuba diving, kayaking, boat rides, pony rides, BBQ, bouncy castle & slide, tug o'war, currach & raft races, children's races and games.

Patricia Keane T: 095 41024

#### 25th & 26th August

#### **Oughterard Show**

Oughterard, Co Galway

A two-day show with Saturday being a full day of Connemara Pony performance championship involving international competitors/ Sunday competitions involve ponies, horses, sheep, cattle, dogs and pets as well as domestic arts – photography, painting, rug making, baking, garden produce, etc.

Leslie Lyons T: 091 552462 / 086 3981572

#### 31st August – 2nd September

# **Galway Jazz Festival**

Galway City, Co Galway

Galway's first and only jazz festival presents a weekend of leading local, national & international jazz artists in a broad range of venues in Galway City. 3 main concerts each day, plus a programme of workshops, open rehearsals, youth events and listening sessions.

Damian Evans T: 086 8194088 E: info@galwayjazzfestival.com W: www.galwayjazzfestival.com

# 31st August – 3rd September

#### **Gaelforce West Adventure Race & Festival**

Westport House Estate, Westport, Co Mayo Gaelforce West opens the door to adventure on the rugged West Coast! From an adventure base in Westport, two multisport extreme adventure race events are offered as part of Gaelforce West weekend. The race caters to all abilities, and sits alongside an adventure festival designed to appeal to all ages, with music, sports demonstrations, gourmet food and adventure attractions for one and all!

W: www.gaelforcewest.ie

## 31st August – 9th September

#### **Westport Arts Festival**

Various venues in Westport town, Co Mayo Cuala McGann T: 086 3955524

